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*Annual Auction
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Annual Auction 2003

Each year, MCI's Annual Auction raises funds to benefit the school's athletic and music programs. This year's event on Saturday, May 10, 2003, features a Wild, Wild West theme. Every dollar raised by MCI's Annual Auction directly benefits student programs. The Silent Auction component of the Annual Auction offers alumni/ae around the world the opportunity to bid on extraordinary items. Please indicate your competitive bids on the enclosed tear-out form and mail it back to Maine Central Institute. All bids must be received by Friday, May 9, 2003. If you are unable to attend the Annual Auction, you will be contacted by telephone if yours is the highest bid on an item. The Auction Committee will arrange shipment to you.

Flip a Chip for the Huskies
at the Wild, Wild West

ITEM 1



WATERCOLOR PAINTING by DAVID SILSBY '49

The nostalgic painting of Steam Locomotive 470 pulling into the Pittsfield Depot and Express Office captures many historic elements that no longer exist – the station porticos, semaphore mast and the old grain elevator just behind it. David remembers the conductor yelling, "Burnham Junction! Get ready to jump!" Those who love local history and their memories of Pittsfield will jump at this one! David has donated this painting and another of the Cianchette House; 25 limited edition, signed prints of the Cianchette House painting will be available at the Auction for \$100 each and may also be ordered by mail.

Value of the Steam Locomotive painting: \$1,000.00
Minimum Bid: \$400.00

ITEM 2

MCI ENGRAVED LAMP

This elegant lamp will be proudly displayed in any home or office. Made of solid hardwood and maple hardwood, the lamp is 27 inches tall and weighs 7 pounds. Lamp accents are solid brass and the wooden parts are hand-sanded and satin black and cherry finish. Hand-painted gold beading adds a classic finishing touch. The MCI logo is black. Donated by Maine Central Institute's Alumni/ae Association.

Value: \$300.00

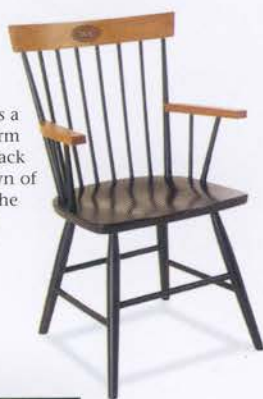


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ITEM 5



PAIR OF OLD TOWN CANOE COMPANY LOON 111 KAYAKS and PADDLES

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Minimum Bid: \$400.00

ITEM 6

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Value: \$800.00



ITEM 7



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This most elegant of get-away weekends is donated by Eric Cianchette '68 and includes two nights lodging, two five-course gourmet dinners and breakfast and afternoon tea both days. The Black Point Inn on Prout's Neck, certainly the premier inn on the coast of Maine, features surrounding vistas of open ocean; fall is particularly spectacular. The Inn is steeped in tradition and gentlemen must wear a coat for dinner. The weekend may be scheduled anytime from September 19 through June 19, 2004 with the exception of major holiday periods. Advance reservations are required.

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Value: \$350



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Can you find the MCI symbol? Our forefathers did the campus layout design in 1868, long before there were such things as aerial views! Amazing! Photo was taken by Ted Holmes '78, who was a passenger in a plane flown over campus by Ed Porter '83.

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Nine Incredible Supporters of MCI Are Named Trustee Emeriti

By Headmaster Douglas C. Cummings

Nine former trustees of Maine Central Institute were honored for their outstanding service, for their years of dedication and for their individual resourcefulness in keeping the school on a sound financial path during the years when many independent schools were struggling to survive. At a festive Friday evening dinner in early October, held in the beautiful main hallway of the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Building, Louise Dow, Ryan Fendler, David Higgins '51, Bud Homstead '35, Willard Lehr '42, Elmer Leonard '39, George Newhouse '54, Roger Percival '45 and Joe Schissler were lauded for their many accomplishments and extraordinary support of Maine Central Institute while active members of the Board and in the years since. Board of Trustees President Michael Hodgins '86 spoke at length about the exceptional contributions of those being honored as he bestowed the title of Trustee Emeritus on each.

Louise Dow and Joe Schissler were members of the Board of Trustees during the early 1980's and provided exceptional guidance as ninth grade was restored at MCI. For over ten years freshmen students from the area had attended Warsaw Middle School, part of SAD #53. Louise was an 'ambassador' between the school and the local district in support of faculty and a strong proponent of enhancing MCI's relationships with the sending communities. A member of the Executive Committee for years, Louise served as head of the Search Committee that hired me as Headmaster in 1986. All four of her sons graduated from MCI and two of them followed Louise onto the Board of Trustees. John '80 served during the 1990's and Michael '84 is presently on the Board. Long active in local politics, Joe was a strong voice representing the interests of the Town of Detroit and a tireless advocate for students from the outlying areas as chair of the local school board. Joe's wife Maxine was a member of the Class of 1949 and all three of his children graduated from MCI.

David Higgins '51, Board President during the 1980's, worked with Louise and Joe to restore MCI as a four-year high school with a well-regarded post graduate program. A fiscal conservative with wonderful knowledge about operational management, his advice was critical in moving the school in a more fiscally responsible direction. David led MCI into the technology age with his donations of the school's very first computers.

Roger Percival '45 was described as the financial wizard who was instrumental in forming a strong investment policy for MCI. He recommended that the school should hire an investment counselor, but Roger continued overseeing the investments and endowment that accrued as a result. A member of the Executive Committee for many years, Roger has most recently and actively served as a member of the Campaign Cabinet for The Campaign for MCI. It must be noted that Roger never misses an annual reunion.

Ryan Fendler was praised for his work to help pass the legislation, still known as the MCI Amendment, that would make all private schools and colleges eligible for tuition reimbursement from the State of Maine, through its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. During the 1970's, Ryan was instrumental in establishing and maintaining a closer bond between the school and the community. All of Ryan's children are MCI graduates and son Michael '70 was President of the Board of Trustees for over ten years.

Elmer Leonard '39 was lauded for his work during the 1970's to improve the school's energy efficiency during the energy crisis of that period. Elmer made sure furnaces and boilers were operating at peak efficiency and when necessary saw to it that



Trustee Emeriti: George Newhouse '54, Louise Dow, Roger Percival '45, Bud Homstead '35, Willard Lehr '42, Ryan Fendler, Joe Schissler, Elmer Leonard '39 and David Higgins '51 were unable to attend.

they were replaced. Elmer and Bill Ball designed the ventilation system for Wright Gym. Elmer's son John graduated in 1967.

Willard Lehr '42, long-time Treasurer of the Board, signed every single MCI check for many, many years. With his passion for golf and for MCI, Willard is credited with long and dedicated service on the committee overseeing the J.W. Parks Golf Course and for helping to make the golf course an important part of the school. His son Ron is a member of the Class of 1963.

Bud Homstead '35 worked tirelessly to make sure Wright Gym became a reality in the 1980's. Bud was one of the first donors to that important project and he led a mini-campaign to name the weight room in the new gym for Sanger Cook. He is most recently featured in the Annual Fund 2003 Campaign photos. Bud's son Dean '69 serves as Chair of the Board's Development Committee.

George Newhouse '54, as President of the Board during the late 70's, worked closely with Headmaster Harry True. A highly respected member of the greater Pittsfield community and a major area egg producer, George facilitated stronger town-gown relationships during the turbulent years. George has been an active member of the Capital Campaign Cabinet. He is married to Leah '54; both are ardent supporters of MCI who have given unconditionally to the school for many years. Their five children all graduated from MCI.

During the lean years of the 1970's and early 1980's, George, Willard and Bud often met at the local bank offices or one of the local restaurants on Friday afternoons to sign guarantees that enabled MCI to make its weekly payroll. It was not uncommon that these trustees, along with others, would reach into their own pockets to make sure that payroll was met, the buildings were heated and the students were fed. It should be noted that during the lean years the boarding students ate a lot of eggs. (Thanks, George!)

As Trustee Emeritus Louise Dow said at the close of the evening, MCI most certainly would not exist today if not for the heroic efforts of George Newhouse, Bud Homstead and Willard Lehr, as well as other Trustees, during the 1970's and 1980's. ■

MCI's Founders Hall Being Renovated

By Sharon Kiley Mack, Bangor Daily News Article, December, 2001

In the world outside Maine, the year 1876 was a busy one – one with odd, surprising comparisons to 2001. Alexander Graham Bell was busy patenting the telephone while Tchaikovsky was composing "Swan Lake". Heinz ketchup, Hires Root Beer and the catcher's mask were invented. Apache leader Geronimo began a 10-year uprising, resisting his tribe's displacement from Arizona. Wild Bill Hickok was murdered, while Sitting Bull massacred Gen. George Custer and 264 men at the Battle of Little Bighorn. Republican Rutherford Hayes and Democrat Samuel Tilden were locked in a dispute for the presidency, and anthrax was discovered.

In Pittsfield, on a small knoll near the center of town, Founders Hall was being constructed in a sheep pasture – and the building with the trademark bell tower would become the centerpiece of one of the country's premier college preparatory campuses, Maine Central Institute.

The landmark building today is in the midst of an ambitious renovation, with almost half the structure in the same condition it was 125 years ago. Four stairways are slanted and worn thin from the thousands of students that have passed through. Floorboards in the hallways are the original wide planks and the building has just a single, under-the-stairs bathroom.

But the beauty of the building shines through. Original stained-glass windows have been uncovered; brick archways grace the basement space; patterned tin ceilings decorate Powers Hall, with its gilt balcony; the ceilings are 12 feet high and the doors are an impressive 9 feet tall.

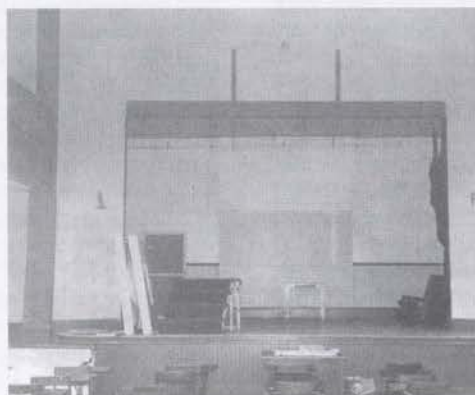
As he toured the building this week, MCI Headmaster Douglas Cummings said, "It is the architecture of this building that really makes it a landmark." Built in the shape of a cross, the building contains 300,000 bricks made at a kiln that was set up just north of the campus by benefactor Going Hathorn, a town pioneer.

The renovation currently underway is the first major attempt to restore the building. During the past two years, through alumni donations made to the school's Annual Giving Fund, four Founders Hall classrooms have been renovated and restored with oak woodwork, beaded wainscoting and curved window casings, reminiscent of the Victorian era when the building was constructed. The work is being done by local craftsman Steve Martin.

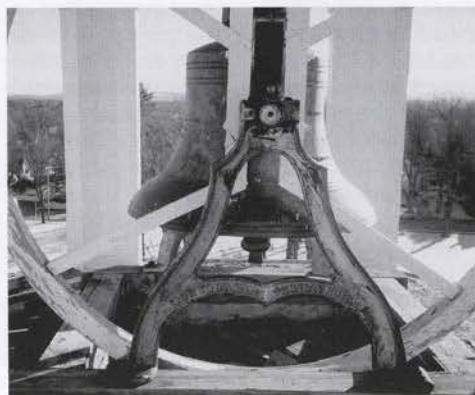
However, most of the classrooms and offices in Founders Hall look like the original stairways – worn, undersized and dilapidated. Cummings said all four stairways must be redesigned and replaced.



Then c.1895...the way we were.



c.1975...Nothing too much has changed in Powers Hall since then.



Now c.2003

seek historic preservation grant funds to continue the restoration. Also, he said the Annual Giving Fund dedicates \$50,000 a year to Founders Hall and another \$50,000 to technology upgrades. ■

MCI literally is banking on alumni support, and the school has an amazing track record. "After all, what other high school in the state of Maine built a \$3.5 million science and technology center with no real debt load?" Cummings asked. The center, which was built last year, was funded through alumni donations of in-kind services and money. "For the past four years, all our energy has gone into the science and math complex," said Cummings.

And that is exactly what a needs survey indicated in 1997. A group of 55 friends of MCI determined that renovating Founders Hall would not enhance learning. "After all, when we finish, we will still have 12 classrooms," said Cummings. So efforts were directed toward the massive science and math complex. But as that project winds down, Founders Hall is getting much attention.

"In this renovation," Cummings said, "the goal is to transform all 12 classrooms, and when complete the building will house the entire humanities department." Powers Hall, a dramatic room that encompasses much of the building's top floor and includes a balcony and stage, has been virtually unchanged for 103 years. It will be refurbished but much of the room's historical trappings will remain in place. Cummings said it will become a group meeting area as well as a space for small, intimate functions.

The entire renovation, said Cummings, is being spread over 10 years (with seven years to go as of the writing of this article) and the classroom spaces will be completed first.

Cummings hopes MCI graduates will be generous in funding the Founders renovation through the school's Annual Giving Fund. Current students have been e-mailing graduates and report great support for their former school and for Founders Hall, in particular. Cummings also said the school will

The 2003 Hall of Fame

By Carolyn J. Smith, Director of Development

Ralph Damren '64, Tony Frederick '59 and Rosalie Williams will be inducted into Maine Central Institute's prestigious Hall of Fame at a special banquet, Friday, August 1st, during Reunion Weekend. They will join 62 other men and women whose magnificent contributions to MCI have insured its enduring excellence.

Ralph Damren, '64

An awesome athlete, Ralph played JV football and varsity football his junior and senior years when he also played baseball and was the manager of the undergraduate basketball team. He was also a member of Key Club. Many summers, Ralph worked for his uncle Bud Homstead, bagging groceries at the local Red and White where his dad was the manager.

As a boy growing up in Pittsfield, Ralph admired MCI and grew to truly love and value his education there. "MCI is my school. Even though I did go to college, MCI was special to me. It's my real college." He spoke of the excellence of the faculty, like Al Card, his baseball coach, Peter Bradshaw and Paul Legge, Frank Haseltine and Blake Bartlett. He reminisced about the superb sports of his era, especially football and baseball, and the fact that he is still involved with these sports, as a Bangor area athletic official, "I call what I see, without personal bias." Ralph has been refereeing baseball since 1966 and football since 1971.

Important, too, to Ralph was the warm camaraderie with his classmates. Ralph especially valued his friendships with Tom Savage and Ron Kinney.

Ralph Damren's love of his school has led to his long and dedicated service to MCI as a member of the Board of Trustees for ten years. He served on the Investment Committee for much of that time and was the committee's chair in 1997 and 1998. During that decade, which ended June 2002, Ralph also served on the Development, Trusteeship and Executive Committees.

The other 'hat' he has worn so well is that of Alumni/ae Association Executive Committee member since 1987, and President of the organization for the past twelve years. "We do a whole lot more than we used to as an Association and our alumni/ae are more interested in being connected to MCI. The Association hosts a pizza party for the young kids and their families after the Homecoming football game, gives special tee-shirts to every graduating senior....all sorts of contributions to the school. The community seems, to me, to be taking more of an interest in MCI and I highly value the community support. I am especially proud that so many more people are coming to Reunion and of the significant amount of money, \$25,000, that the Alumni/ae Association was able to contribute to The Campaign for MCI. The Alumni Association Executive Committee hosts the Annual Alumni/ae Golf Tournament and all proceeds are used to benefit MCI's alumni/ae and student programs."

When asked why he has served so very well and so long, Ralph commented that about 16 years ago, Pete Vigue '65 commented to him that "MCI was coming back under the leadership of the new headmaster Doug Cummings." Ralph agreed and he was willing to work very hard to be part of the renaissance of the school he loved so well.

A representative for Equitable Insurance since 1971, Ralph said that his flexible schedule has allowed his work as Alumni/ae Association President and MCI Board of Trustees member.

Known for his loyalty and dedication, for his affability and for his humor, especially at Reunions where his Roll Call of classes has long been a feature, Ralph Damren continues to 'pay back' his school in so many wonderful ways. ■



Tony Frederick, '59

There are so many adjectives that fit Tony: energetic and ebullient, enduring and endearing, resourceful and, at times, irreverent, Tony is, above all, dedicated and determined. Although he lives in New Hampshire, Tony makes frequent trips to MCI for meetings and phonathons; he drives a total of six hours, in good weather, to make two or three hours of telephone calls for the Development Committee on which he serves.

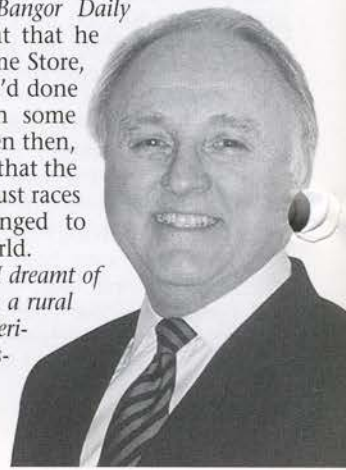
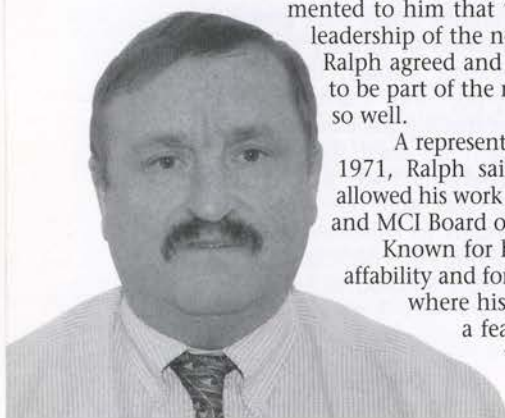
As a member of the Trusteeship Committee and, for years, the Executive Committees as well, Tony has made the trip east from Bedford, New Hampshire to Pittsfield many times. The point of volunteer service is to make a difference and Tony has!

A Trustee since 1986, he came on the Board when Doug Cummings was hired and was appointed to the Trusteeship Committee. He realized there was no real Trustee orientation in place so he contacted National Association of Independent Schools and received the NAIS Guideline for Board Organization. Organization of committees and the reporting structure was instituted and the expectations of a Board member were made very clear: Wisdom, Wealth, Work. The school's administration helped Tony to compile a book on trusteeship for each Board member. Tony exemplifies the 3 W's of trusteeship and adds a fourth, Wit. He's very funny, very wise and extraordinarily hard-working. "I work seven days a week, just like my dad did." His father was Superintendent of Roads and of bridge construction. He would take Tony to live with him in the old line-shacks while the bridges were being built.

Tony has been a mainstay of MCI's development efforts. During the last 16 years Tony has been the Development Committee's visionary, looking ahead to trends, looking back at past efforts and analyzing how to improve. "There have been so many changes in the last sixteen years. There is better board preparation and stability. For years it was just crisis management, now Board discussions are esoteric. We discuss our hierarchy of needs and how to meet them, so that as a Board and as a school we are reaching beyond our grasp and realizing tremendous growth and improvement. We all have developed a taste for something new, we're taking some risks as a Board and scrambling the status quo. We have passed the survival mode and are experiencing a wonderful new self actualization."

As a little boy growing up in Pittsfield, Tony began his life-long pattern of hard work. At seven he began as a paperboy for the Waterville Sentinel and Bangor Daily News; it wasn't until he was eight that he could buy a bike from Dysarts Dime Store, a bike he paid for weekly when he'd done his Saturday collections. He won some trips to Boston because he was, even then, a superb salesman, but he minded that the trips to ball games and such were just races in and out of the city. He longed to experience more of the outside world.

"I wanted to be a millionaire, I dreamt of places far away. Being that it is such a rural area, it was difficult to imagine experiences beyond the boundaries of Pittsfield. Then something wondrous happened. MCI brought the outside world to me! It broadened my horizons,



Frederick continued...

lifted my aspirations and gave me the vehicle to connect to the world outside in a rational and reasonable and real way."

At MCI Tony Frederick was very involved with athletics, playing football all four years and baseball for three. He was also a member of Key Club and the Hex Nut Club. He now owns Frederick Seal which manufactures O rings for boilers, indeed all systems that contain gases and liquids in a vacuum. He conducts seminars about the use of such seals all over New England.... and yes, he works seven days a week, just like his dad. ■

Maine Central Institute's Hall of Fame

*The Hall of Fame originated in 1983
to honor those alumni/ae and friends of MCI,
who, by their accomplishments, service and/or support,
have made extraordinary contributions to Maine Central Institute.*

Charter Members of the Hall of Fame ~ 1983

Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette '48 ~ Ival R. Cianchette '44 ~ Sanger M. Cook '17
E. Robert Kinney '35 ~ J. Dominique LaChance '31 ~ Herbert Leonard '35
George H. Newhouse '54 ~ George M. Parks 1885 ~ Ann S. Parks
Johnson W. Parks ~ Edwin Purinton ~ Boutelle Savage ~ Alice Sinclair
Guy Susi '35 ~ Carl R. Wright '43 ~ Clifford L. Wright '38

Hall of Fame Members

1984: Iva Cianchette Cregnoles '35
Paul W. Legge

1985: Paul E. Bertrand '59
Willard W. Lehr, Jr. '42

1986: Joseph R. Cianchette
Malaka "Tookie" Russell

1987: Frank T. Haseltine '40
Dr. Ernest Stein

1988: Elmer W. Leonard '39
Roy U. Sinclair

1989: Kenneth L. Cianchette '42
E. Burnell "Bun" Overlock '24

1990: Miriam McMichael Robinson '25
Myrtle Main Sherman

1991: Michael J. Fendler '70
Frank "Parney" Koris '40

1992: Norval "Bud" Lewis
Senator Margaret Chase Smith
Harry True
Peter G. Vigue '65

1993: Leona Haseltine

1994: Hazel M. Earle

Roderic L. Smith

1995: Frank B. "Bud" Homstead '35
Ted Susi '70

1996: Albert L. Card '49
Harold T. "Tom" Clark '62

1997: Louise Dow
W. Howard Niblock

1998: Susan Smith Norris England '73

1999: Michael T. Savage '62

2000: Roger B. Percival '45

2001: Milton L. Lindholm,

Gregg J. Patterson '69

Norbert W. Young, Sr.

The 1866 Founders of MCI:

Oren B. Cheney ~ Jesse C. Connor

Aura L. Gerrish ~ Lot L. Harmon

Going Hathorn ~ Ebenezer Knowlton

William C. Stinson ~ Nathaniel Weymouth

2002: William B. Ball '63

Dr. Richard P. Boisvert '62

Harry Rowe '06

Rosalie Williams

On June 30, 2002 Rosalie Williams, long a legend at MCI, retired, leaving behind her a legacy of excellence and accomplishments on behalf of the school she served so lovingly and loyally for 25 years.

Resilient and reasoned, dignified and determined, incredibly intelligent and intuitive, Rosalie has left her mark, everywhere, on Maine Central Institute. Applying her own high standards for excellence to the English Department of which she was Chair, and then to the Humanities Department which evolved from academic restructuring, Rosalie became the Director of Studies and guided the academic program's evolution during the school's renaissance in the 1980's. Her influence was everywhere: the English classroom, National Honor Society, the traditions of prize speaking which stretch back to the very founding of the school, the standards for ethical behavior and character. Fierce in the face of injustice or malice, Rosalie became the Civil Rights compliance officer and steadfastly brought each incident of excessive teasing, taunting or suspected harassment of any kind to quick resolution. It was her efforts that contributed so much to the sense of decency and respect that prevails on the MCI campus.

As Assistant Head of School, Rosalie shared MCI's triumphs but she also was forced to deal with unpleasantness, as any high school administrator in the country must. Carefully, cautiously and decisively Rosalie dealt with the resolutions of situations. Her decisions were clear-cut and fair, and left everyone's self-respect intact, no matter what the resultant punishment might have to be. Rosalie has always stood by the strength of her convictions.

She continues to be involved with MCI. As Chair of the 2002-2003 Task Force on Diversity, Rosalie is well-prepared for the challenges that expanded diversity poses because MCI has become increasingly international in tone during the past 15 years. Rosalie and her husband Peter, a trustee of MCI, spent two years when first married as Peace Corp volunteers in Sierra Leone, West Africa in the early 1960's. In an article she wrote for the Spring 2000 Highlights magazine, she said, *"Peter and I learned to live and work in a culture with few if any similarities to our own, whether it was food, dress, language, religion or the rites of birth and death. We returned from Sierra Leone forever changed. When the opportunity to live and teach in China came along, we were ready for this new adventure. [Rosalie and Peter spent the fall of 1999 in Beijing.] We believed our Chinese students could and would reach our expectations. Our students had reason for diligence and excellence in the classroom. We had reason for celebration. Our students, like ourselves, were searching for commonalities among us and for an understanding and appreciation of what makes us different."*

Rosalie has always celebrated education and the benefits of cultural diversity. We who are fortunate enough to know her understand that her wise influence will continue to shape the international students' experiences at Maine Central Institute and to shape those of us who benefit so greatly from their presence. As she said in her article about her experiences teaching in Beijing, *"We all knew how true the words of Maya Angelou's poem really were: 'In minor ways we differ, in major ways we're the same.'"*

For reprints of the Spring 2000 Highlights article Rosalie wrote about her trip to China or the Fall 2002 Alumnus article about her years at MCI and her retirement, please contact the Alumni/ae and Development Office at MCI.



Distinguished Alumnus

Madelyn Kenniston Given '62

Steps Out from the Crowd, Steps Up in the World and Dares to be Different



She grew up in Pittsfield and was very active at MCI. She participated in Chorus, Future Homemakers of America, Chapel Choir, Majorettes, Talisman, one-act plays and Prize Speaking. She played field hockey and basketball and was the quintessential all-American girl-next-door.

Madelyn is still small and almost shy as she talks about the wonders of the world she began to explore in her mid 50's. About her first marathon in Antarctica she said, "There was no question in my mind that I could do it even if I had to crawl. That's just the way I am." About her run in the Sahara Desert she commented, "It was a relentless, unforgiving place. I felt like I

was the only person on the planet." She hadn't showered for days and had spent the previous night in a dark, drafty tent, cramped with nine other people in it, with only a threadbare little blanket to shield her from the harsh desert winds. When she lost her way on the Sahara the next day she had no idea where to turn and her desperate cries of "Which way? Which way?" were not understood by the people in the little sandy village who spoke no English. A young boy led her to the next water station; he'd understood her somehow. On her trek to the summit of Kilimanjaro, a member of the group with which she traveled went into cardiac arrest from the rigors of the climb and her guide bled from ears and nose, due to the high altitude. She was the oldest woman on that adventure. Kenya was in rebellion, which she knew before she arrived, so she checked her will – just in case.

She traveled alone to far lands where she didn't speak the language, to areas that were violent with political dissent, slept in cold tents and a huge round hut on an icy mountain slope in Russia that looked like a silvery barrel and rode in open Zodiac rafts across the frigid waters of Antarctica. She ran beside camels in the desert, ran up and down nearly 4,000 steps on The Great Wall, skied from the top of the highest mountain in Australia to the very bottom. Madelyn is the first woman from Maine and the twelfth in the world to complete seven marathons, one on each continent, all while climbing four of the world's tallest peaks. Six of the marathons were completed in just one year when she was 57 years old; she had never run a marathon or even a race before that year. So how and why did she do all this? Her own words tell it best:

In June 1962, I graduated from MCI and my first accomplishments in life were quite normal: college, graduate school, elementary teacher for 28 years, mother of two grown children, wife of 33 years. My journeys into the adventure world began several years ago on a three-month trip to the permanent ice cap of the North Pole, Siberia and northern Alaska. Aboard a Russian icebreaker with international research scientists, writers and photographers, I experienced adventure that changed my mindset and brought me to a higher level than I could have imagined before.

I decided to seek other goals to strive for, and so my next adventure was to climb Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. At 19,380 feet, it is the highest mountain in Africa. I began a strenuous training program in preparation for the climb "into thin air." Five mornings a week, at Bates College, I ran, lifted weights and did hill runs. Three

times every Saturday I ran up and down Streaked Mountain in Paris, with a loaded pack; every Saturday I added an additional five pounds to the load. I had a personal trainer and wonderful mentor who worked with me three or four mornings per week.

The trip to Africa was the first time I had traveled alone without family or friends. Kenya had experienced an uprising and my family feared I might never return. But up to this point the trip was the greatest adventure of my life. I spent three weeks trekking in remote areas and six days climbing to the summit of Kilimanjaro. Returning home from Africa, I realized I needed another goal to keep me motivated. My trainer mentioned a marathon.

I had never run a marathon, or a half marathon or even a ten-kilometer race, but it sounded inspiring to me. I called the owner of the company organizing the marathon and I signed up. After three months of training, my trainer and I set out for a twenty-seven mile practice run in weather that was 9 degrees below zero. It was the coldest long run I had undertaken but I felt confident I could handle the Antarctica Marathon because February is summer in Antarctica. I took a leave of absence from my teaching and went off on a long journey to Antarctica via South America. In Buenos Aires I met 150 runners from around the world. We ran a five-kilometer run then we flew to Ushuaia, the southern most city in the world, from which we departed on Russian icebreakers for our voyage to Antarctica. After a week at sea we arrived at the marathon site. We took Zodiac rafts back and forth to the Antarctica Peninsula. Most runners were seasick from crossing the Drake Passage but the race was run!

And it was quite a run – over crevasses and running streams, up and down glaciers – and the scenery was magnificent. I saw penguins and seals and was attacked by skuas, large birds that dive bombed me and struck my head. Most of the other runners had completed races in every state and many countries so this was their finale. They cheered me on because it was my first. It took courage to go so far away to run my first marathon.

When I returned home, I faced the press – newspaper and television – and I decided I would make my next goal the Seven Continents. This would mean more life changes and a deeper commitment. I was ready. I left my career in education and increased my training to three hours a day. On November 5, 2000, I ran the Athens, Greece Marathon, where all marathons began in 499 BC. This is a world class marathon with a difficult uphill course; this race followed the very same course that was then just a trail but now is the largest boulevard leading from the north into the Olympic Stadium where modern Olympics began in 1896.

With the help of an international marathon official and friend, I found my next challenge. I was able to qualify for The First Sahara Marathon, held near Tindouf, Algeria. The runners met in Madrid and were then flown to a military base in Algeria where we boarded old school buses for the journey across the desert in the middle of the night. My seatmate was Dr. Patch Adams, who was joining



Atop Russia's Mt. Elbrus.



2/26/01 - a few minutes before Madelyn ran a full marathon on the Sahara Desert near the Saharain Refugee Camps close to Tindoff, Algeria

us to assist with the marathon's medical needs and then to go on to the Refugee Medical Center.

On February 26, 2001, I ran on the Sahara Desert. It was like an ultra marathon. I stayed in a primitive dwelling, got up at 4:30 AM, had no breakfast and carried my luggage over the sand dunes before beginning the race. I ran with camels for the first mile and after that I was left isolated with only a few markers, my compass and my water bottle for the next 25 plus miles. The conditions of the desert made this a most difficult marathon but when I crossed the finish line I knew I had accomplished another very unique and worthwhile goal. After the race we stayed another week with Saharan hosts. It was a great experience to stay with

these humble, displaced people and to meet President Abdelaziz, leader of the Saharan people. Each evening, as his guests, we attended banquets with ambassadors, UN officials and elders. After returning to Madrid I rented a car and toured Spain before returning home.

Delayed in NYC by the "Storm of the Century", I was soon back in Maine and training resumed in earnest for my next race, The Great Wall of China Marathon. I flew to Beijing to take the required trip to the Wall to preview the marathon course prior to the race. One third of the entries changed to the half marathon after that preview and many runners were unable to finish even the shorter race.

It was an awesome marathon. The morning of the race we departed from Beijing for a three-hour bus ride, winding the way up the narrow mountain roads to arrive before dawn. At 6:30 AM the race began up very steep hills to reach the Great Wall, then we ran 3,700 incredible steps on the Wall itself, up steep cliffs and places where we had to hang onto ropes as we ran up and down the steepest of inclines. I couldn't bear to look ahead. It was too discouraging, so I kept my head down, counted to 10, took a breath and then started again. If I took 10 steps I knew I could take another 10. We ran through a Chinese village and back up onto the Great Wall for a second time in reverse direction, and down to the fort for the finish! When I crossed the finish line, a Chinese official said, "Congratulations, Madelyn, and Happy Birthday!" It was May 26, 2001, my 57th birthday. What a great present! I was so happy to cross that finish line halfway around the world.

I was home only two and one half weeks; I flew to Australia to run The Gold Coast Marathon on June 24, 2001. Anticipation is always great but you wonder if you are prepared. This race was scenic and flat, with 9,000 runners. We ran on the highway along one of the most famous beaches in the world. It was my fastest time and another great step for me. I stayed in Australia nearly a month, snorkeling at The Great Barrier Reef, climbing Ayers Rock, trekking in the Outback, touring the cities and visiting with Aussie friends. I rented a four-wheel drive and drove into the Snowy Mountains. There I met my private guide and climbed the highest peak in Australia, Mt. Kosciusko, and skied all the way from the peak to the bottom. I left great and headed home to continue training for my scheduled final two marathons.

Three weeks before departing for Brazil for my sixth marathon, the 25th Rio de Janeiro Marathon was cancelled. To keep to some sort of schedule I decided to run The Maine Marathon on October 7, 2001. I was given bib # 6 for my 6th continent and was pleased to have my family there to cheer me on for the first time since this dream began. It was nice to have chosen Maine as my marathon in the United States and North America.

With only one marathon on the Seven Continents left to complete my goal, I developed a stress injury to my left hip. It was painful, even with daily treatments, and I was unable to run for several weeks prior to the race. I was scheduled to run Vina del Mar Marathon on December 2, 2001. I left Maine feeling awful and it was the only race where I had doubts. I was not even able to run a mile and here I am, off to Chile, to run a marathon. We were taken by bus to the start of the race, 27 miles north of the city, and the course followed majestic mountains and the scenic coast to the sea and the finish line. For the first eight miles, pain shot through my body with each step. To keep motivated, I broke the marathon into three parts, devoting the first part to my 31-year-old son, Mike, the second for my 29-year-old daughter, Heather, and the final stretch to my husband, Ed. This was a great challenge for me. Competing with 3,000 runners, I was glad to finish third in my age division and to accomplish my goal of running a marathon on each of the Seven Continents.

At the same time I was training for my seventh marathon in Chile. I knew the highest peak in Western Hemisphere was nearby, in Argentina. Before I left home I had packed all my climbing, as well as my running, gear. The day after the Vina del Mar in Chile, I flew to Mendoza, Argentina to climb that high mountain, Aconcagua, which is just under 23,000 feet. For three weeks, in all kinds of weather, my private Argentinean guide, whose nose bled from the high altitude, and I climbed, camped, and climbed some more. It was the highest climb for me so far and this adventure ranks as a great one in my life. I returned to Maine in time for Christmas and a much-needed rest.

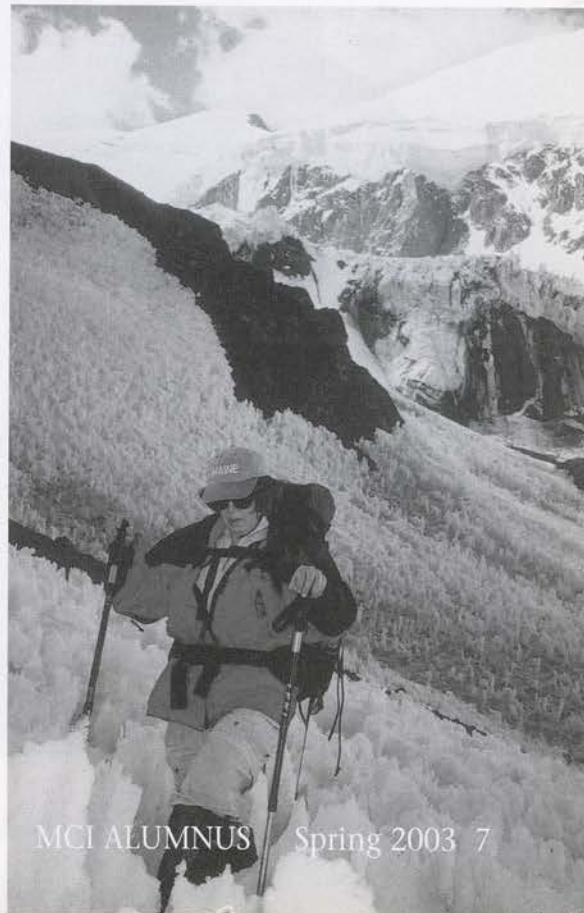
This past summer, I traveled to Russia and I climbed Mt. Elbrus, the highest mountain in Europe. For three weeks my Russian guide and I acclimatized in the Great Caucasus Mountains and reached the summit on July 31, 2002, after being stranded in a virtual white out. In November, I ran the NYC Marathon and I will continue to run more marathons in the US and the world.

I have climbed four of the Seven Summits and I plan to continue as long as possible. This spring I am headed for Denali, in Alaska; I have already met my guide. I keep journals and share my knowledge, experiences and stories in my motivational speaking to interested groups.

We all know we can make a difference. Pursuing a higher goal means taking risks but the personal rewards outnumber the hardships and sacrifices encountered. The value of these adventures is self-confidence that is gained, the helping of others along the way, making life-long friends, cultivating personal courage, committing yourself and giving it your all. It is living your dreams and seeing them all come true.

By Madelyn Kenniston Given
and Carolyn J. Smith

Crossing an ice field
on Aconcagua.



Distinguished Alumnus William Howard LaBarge '67

Aviator ~ Author ~ Advisor to Feature Films



It was a real jolt when I fully realized what I was seeing. After our interview, Bill sent me a promotional poster for his book-in-progress, *The Sweetwater Sullivan Story*. One of the pictures on the poster shows a nattily uniformed commercial airline pilot. It's Bill, posing beside a distinctively painted Southwest Airlines jet aptly named Shamu; the black and white designs cleverly depict a killer whale. The larger photo on the bottom of the poster clearly shows Shamu on the deck of an aircraft carrier! The parked fighter jets on the deck look awfully small next to this Boeing 737. Unbelievable! How did Shamu get a tailhook?

Bill was raised in Dexter, Maine, a small town some thirty-plus miles north of Pittsfield. After his freshman year at Dexter High School, he was afforded the privilege of attending MCI on a scholarship provided by a local charitable organization. Recognizing the academic opportunity that MCI would give him, Bill's parents were pleased that his potential would be challenged.

"MCI's educational curriculum, along with its extensive athletic program, gave me the opportunity of a lifetime. It was regimented, it helped me focus and taught me how to study. Blake Bartlett's academic discipline and Miss Forbush's grammar studies after school helped mold my study habits for future years. The family tradition, the caring closeness, the sincerity of the faculty made me want to achieve. There was an enthusiasm here!" And many great memories.

"I was in Frank Haseltine's advanced biology class. It was like a night catapult shot with the seas pitching. Scary and exhilarating. Oh, yes, just like the night Paul Legge caught me writing an unauthorized letter in my dorm during study hall. 'That will be 30 days in Powers Hall for you, young man,' said Mr. Legge. So there I was trudging, for a whole month, over to Powers Hall, an enforced study session across campus where a coat and tie were required!"

"Peter Gulick, Rod Smith and Dean Shields were the 'Princes of Darkness'." They each owned a pair of the famous Henry Shaw double-soled moccasins. They were stealthy in those moccasins and couldn't be heard, especially since Alumni Hall had rubber flooring. On any given night, when they were proctoring study hall, someone was caught doing something and was headed to Powers Hall for a month. After I broke Ken Hatch's arm and gave Jack Horton a double concussion while fooling around in the dorm, Bob Boulrisse and Lyford Beverage also began keeping a close watch on my activities."

Bill commented, "Maine Central Institute's athletic program is one of the best in New England. The school's philosophy is that athletics are an important part of the educational process, as well as a dynamic lesson in teamwork and personal dedication." Bill's love of physical activity fit right into MCI's sports program. He was a three-sport athlete who set many records while at MCI. The most notable was winning the Maine Prep School pole vault championship and breaking the school

record set by Roy Pomeroy in 1958. He was elected president of his class, voted Sno-Ball King and awarded the 1967 Masters Cup that is emblematic of scholarship, leadership, good citizenship, merit and extra-curricular activities. Then, as now, Bill was assertive, engaging, intelligent, athletic, handsome and utterly charming.

"Hard work, self-discipline, attention to detail and my experience at MCI changed my life's direction to a goal-oriented adventure. I wouldn't be where I am today without MCI." And exactly where is Bill LaBarge today?

The first day of the rest of his life began with private flying lessons at Pittsfield's little airport and receiving his pilot's license while attending MCI. After graduation he worked for the summer as a bush pilot for the State of Maine before entering Ricker College on a four-year athletic scholarship where he earned a BS in economics. After claiming ten letters in varsity sports, Bill was named the top Senior Athlete in Maine.

During college, Bill was inducted into the Navy and was accepted into the Navy's flight-school when he graduated. After earning his degree, he played AA ball for the Philadelphia Phillies before leaving for Pensacola. Nicknames are usually given to student aviators sometime during their flight training. However, Bill received his while playing ball and it has been with him ever since. Seems he would mix the left-over dregs of after-shave lotion which led to his first moniker, "Sweetwater Willie from Philly"; that was later amended to just Sweetwater.

Even though the chance to play professional baseball is just about every boy's dream, Bill's ultimate goal was to become



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a Naval carrier pilot and earn those coveted 'Wings of Gold.' Surviving the Pensacola pressure cooker of intensively competitive flight training and qualifying for carrier landings, Bill served his country for 21 years as a Navy carrier pilot; he retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. A veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm, Bill was also involved in the Iranian Hostage Crisis, the sinking of the Iranian frigate Sahand and several other conflicts during his tours of duty.

He worked as a liaison officer for the foreign embassies in Washington, DC, earned a Masters in International relations at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and completed post graduate work in aircraft mishap investigation at the Naval Safety School in Monterey, California. Not long after the rigors of his Viet Nam combat missions, Bill became compelled to write a book so that others could vicariously experience the horror of war and what it was like to land on a carrier tossing in a dark sea after a night-time bombing run. Although about to be deployed overseas for nine months, Bill completed his first book, *Sweetwater Gunslinger 201*, with co-author and editor Bob Holt. *Gunslinger* became a national best-seller (almost two million books were sold) and won the Aviation Book of the Year Award. His appearance on the Johnny Carson Show made his first novel one of 1984's top-sellers. When the movie-rights to *Sweetwater Gunslinger 201* were sold, Bill became the technical advisor to the movies *Final Countdown*, *Top Gun* and *Firefox* and to the TV series *JAG*.

He's written three more best-sellers, including the marvelous *Road to Gold*, that film director Ron Howard is looking at to develop into a major motion picture. *Road to Gold* vividly recounts flight training experiences through the eyes and adventures of Matt Sweetwater Sullivan, Bill's alter ego. The rigors of studying advanced physics while undergoing the hazardous training to land on an aircraft carrier make for some great realistic reading. In the movie treatment of that book, which he prepared for his recent discussions with Ron Howard, Bill describes the "hairy night flights, white-knuckle four plane formation flights and the infamous gut-wrenching aircraft carrier landings. If you live to make it through the final phase of Advance training, you realize you are eight more months away from earning those coveted 'Wings of Gold' and becoming a fighter pilot."

Bill has written four books in the past ten years and is at work on his fifth, *The Sweetwater Sullivan Story*; one chapter focuses on his years at MCI. He currently flies for Southwest Airlines and Herb Kelleher, CEO of Southwest and the jokemaster of the airline industry, has offered to write the foreword for his new book.

Bill LaBarge is a busy and committed man who nevertheless finds the time to mentor youngsters interested in Annapolis and the Navy. He's remarkable; read *Road to Gold* and you'll agree.

Oh, and I must ask him how he got Shamu on the carrier....

By Carolyn J. Smith



Tookie Russell

Receives MCI's First Distinguished Award for Achievement...

Not many schools have a Homecoming Queen these days and hardly any ever have had a queen in her 80's!

But MCI had the quintessential queen this year and glorious she was! With her arms filled with red roses from her admirers, Tookie Russell was driven onto the field in Barney McGowan's bright yellow Rolls Royce look-alike golf cart during halftime of the Homecoming/Parents Weekend football game. At the wheel was a proud and nostalgic Beth Staples '83.

With hundreds of football fans looking on, Tookie was honored by MCI for her distinguished achievements and contributions to women's athletics. Headmaster Doug Cummings spoke about her accomplishments and presented her with an engraved crystal commemorative piece. Director of Alumni Affairs Carlene Engstrom gave her a specially imprinted sweat-shirt and the Huskie mascot wrapped her in a huge and furry hug. Joining Tookie on the field were scores of her former players who applauded her enthusiastically and emotionally, while MCI's cheerleaders cheered for her – loudly.

During the dinner preceding the game, many reminisced about Tookie's impact and effect on their lives. Tears were shed as speakers remembered funny or poignant memories of their days on her teams. She, too, recounted several hilarious events that had everyone laughing.

Malaka Russell, known to everyone as Tookie, coached literally hundreds and hundreds of girls at Maine Central Institute between 1957 and 1988. She coached field hockey for 30 years, basketball for 22 years and softball for 27, and her impact on the lives of young women was and continues to be enormous. Tookie still attends most field hockey and softball games!

Raised in the Philadelphia area, Tookie's own athletic career began when she played field hockey at Haverford, PA High School and then on a weekend team that played its games at Bryn Mawr College. Later she played professional softball for the Miami Beach Recreation Department for Dr. Pepper. In those years, in Miami, the women's teams played against men and that's how she met her husband Jack. After they married and moved to Connecticut, Tookie played on a semi-professional softball team, the Trandley Roses Club, in 1940.

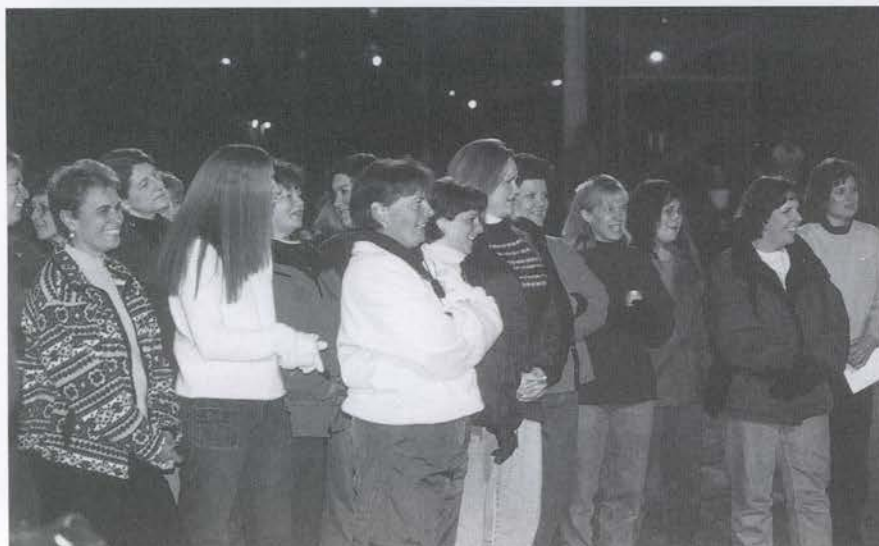


Athletic Director Julie Treadwell presented a framed picture of the two of them to her very good friend Tookie at the dinner held in her honor just before the game.

When she and Jack came to look over Pittsfield to decide whether they would like to move here, Tookie was so impressed with the spiffy young men of MCI walking to class in their coats and ties. After all, she and Jack were the parents of three girls – Patty, Malaka and Cathy. The wonderfully friendly atmosphere of the Lancey House, too, played a part in the Russells' decision to come to Maine.

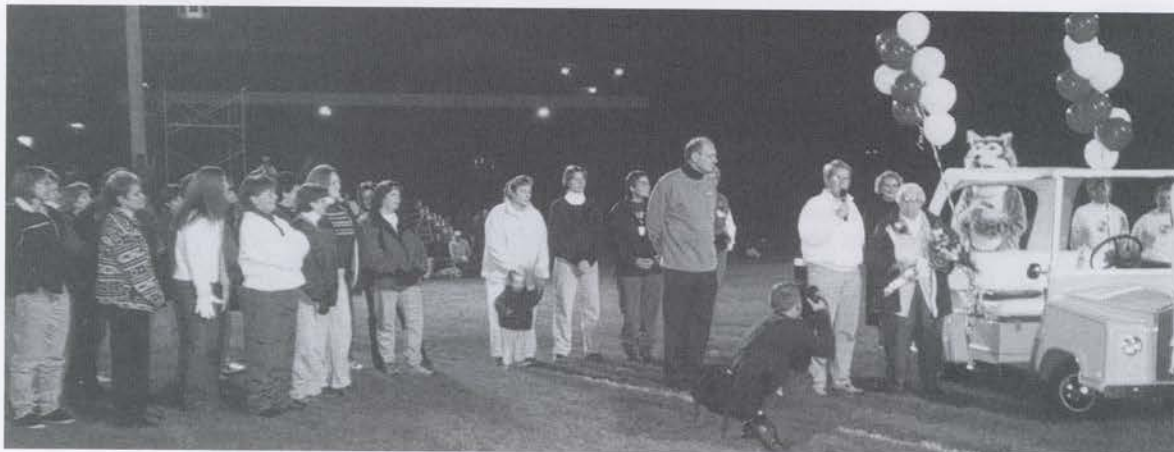
When she and her family moved to Pittsfield in 1956, Tookie wandered over to the fields to watch field hockey, then being coached by Emily Dana. It was only a matter of days before Emily asked Tookie to take over. In 1957 Tookie was officially named the girls field hockey coach, but she didn't get paid anything until the end of the season. Of course, Tookie coached her own daughters; she told them, "When we are on the field, I am your coach, not your mother!" She also found time to serve as president of the Pittsfield Girl Scout Council during the 1960's and was a founder of the towns' thriving Little League organization. In 1965 she was honored by the Pittsfield Jaycees with the Physical Fitness Leadership Award.

Her court eagerly awaits her arrival.



Our Queen arrives, escorted by Beth Staples '83.





Tookie's dream came true. The TV cameraman filmed her for the 11 o'clock news!

No one was ever cut from her early teams and often Tookie would be coaching as many as 34 girls or more because she felt that if they were interested in learning the sport, she just had to teach them! By the 1970's, however, her teams had become so popular and over-populated that she had to begin limiting the numbers of players.

During the budget crunch of the 1970's, she and Dennis Goodrich sold soda and chips in the gym at lunchtime when students came in to play. With the proceeds she and Dennis bought a washer and dryer for the school and took it upon themselves to hand scrub and machine wash the filthy football uniforms so these wouldn't have to be sent out for cleaning. Sometimes she didn't get home until midnight but MCI's teams played in very clean uniforms.

In 1986 she was named Sentinel Coach of the Year by the Waterville Sentinel newspaper, whose headline proclaimed Tookie Russell "MCI's living legend." By that time she had guided the Huskies to a softball state championship in the mid-1970's and led her field hockey teams to regional finals several

times. In 1983 she had been named Field Hockey Coach of the Year by the Maine High School Coaches Association and in 1984 she was one of two lay people cited by the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. When she received that award, Mo McNally, field hockey coach at Gardiner Area High, wrote: "Don't let it ever be said that there isn't class in coaching field hockey because Tookie Russell exemplifies it!"

Still an athlete, Tookie Russell and her teammates won this year's Alumni Open Golf Tournament. She plays regularly and still belongs to the Women's Maine State Golf Association of which she was President in 1977 and again in 1978.

She had told me her greatest dream was to be on the 11 o'clock news so I chased the Channel 5 newsmen, who was about to leave, back to his van. "How many schools have an 85 year old Homecoming Queen? Please film her for tonight's telecast - it's truly news!" He ran back across the field and captured Tookie in all her glory for that night's show - it was great theatre!

By Carolyn J. Smith

Tookie's girls surround her enthusiastically.



The Headmaster & The Husky are mighty impressed.



My Years At MCI

By Roy Pomeroy '58



Arriving on the campus of MCI on a beautiful fall day in 1954, I had no idea what lay ahead of me, and like most students coming out of the eighth grade, I was somewhat apprehensive. Standing there looking at the main building and the bell tower, I felt proud that I had made it to this point in my education. To me, it was both an honor and a privilege. High school was not a given in those days. I saw in that bell tower all the opportunities to learn and the adventure of my life that was to come.

I had only been at school a few days when the cross country coach came up to me and asked me to try out for the team.

I said yes. That was how I met Norby Young. I always enjoyed running and felt like I was a pretty fast runner. I was only sixth fastest on our team by the time trials were held. I recall our first meet was with Hartland Academy, and Norby talked to their coach to see if he could run six instead of the usual five runners. The Hartland coach agreed, and I was that runner. I went to the meet because I was part of the team, although I wasn't expecting to run, so I was a little surprised when Norby told me to take off my sweats because I was running today, no expectations. I had never seen the course, but it was a true cross country one. I was running along and noticed that I was passing some of my teammates who usually beat me in practice. I passed some of the Hartland boys, and it was not until I saw the main building of the Academy did I realize I had passed most everyone! There was one Hartland runner just in front of me, and I knew I could catch him, which I did as we were going around the school building. By now, I could see the leader, and it was my teammate Skipper Gordon. A one-two finish for MCI! We won the meet also. Needless to say, I got to run in every meet after that. I could never beat Skipper Gordon, but we had many one-two finishes.

Norby talked me into going out for Track and Field. I couldn't say "No" to him! He had me run the mile, the high hurdles and the low hurdles. I hated the mile, but never told him. It was too short a distance for me - I liked the sprints and the field events. We had our first meet and I didn't do very well in the mile. The next week, Norby had everyone on the team try out for the pole vault. We only had one pole vaulter and had lost some points in the last meet because of it. The first time I picked up that steel pole, I cleared seven feet, which wasn't bad in those days. I liked the steel pole better than the bamboo one; it fit my grip better. I got the best news that day: Norby said I didn't have to run the mile anymore. I was going to be a pole vaulter! He had no idea how happy that made me!

I always looked forward to practice after that. The first thing I had to do was loosen up the sawdust in the pit before practice; the pitchfork was always nearby along with the rake. The pit was often frozen under the surface and turning it over to sunlight helped to loosen it up. Norby was there teaching me the technique. The two biggest differences between pole vaulting then and now are, you had to be sure you came down

feet first, for as high as you went up, that's as far as you came down. The pits were not built up and they were very hard if you landed wrong! In addition, the pole had no flex in it. Pole vaulting was all speed and agility in those days. My freshman year, I managed to clear nine feet, which was a record for a freshman at that time.

Cross Country and Track and Field became my sports, although I longed to play football. I was always a second place runner in cross country. MCI imported some great runners from other schools, which I had to face the next year when we'd compete against U of Maine. Track and Field was where I excelled. I enjoyed the challenge of the different events. I continued to do well in the pole vault.

My sophomore year, they held the State Prep School Track and Field Championship Meet for the first time in 15 years. MCI won with 70-1/2 points. Hebron Academy was second with 54-1/2, Fryeberg Academy third with 11 and Kents Hill last with 7 points. I took first place with a vault of 11 feet, which was the highest vault at Colby College outside of college competition.

Winning track meets over other prep schools was always a good feeling, but the ones that meant the most to Norby were the ones we won over the different college freshman teams. MCI being a prep school, not many high schools wanted to compete against us. Bangor, which was the largest city in our area, was one of the few that did. I lost to my teammate Riley and a Bangor H.S. vaulter, Pelkey on May 18, 1955. I was crushed. I felt like I had let my school down.

That was the last time I lost an event for years to come. I convinced Norby to let me take the vaulting equipment home and I made a pit and runway on our farm and practiced with my brother all summer. Getting beaten only made me work harder.

Summers for me were spent working at the school, mowing lawns and staining floors and general cleaning up, getting ready for the incoming class in the fall. I remember being in the boys dorm staining floors one day, which had to be done with the windows closed, when I heard a voice that sounded a long way off, and like you hear down a well. The next thing I knew, someone had me out in the fresh air!

I somehow managed to get the jobs nobody else wanted. Washing the outside of the windows in the main building on the third floor from this sled-like affair that was placed in the window from the inside out. It had two arms that came in contact with the window frame and metal supports with wood on top to form a little platform and some metal railing to keep the window washer from falling off. I also was a part of the crew that poured the cement in the foundation for the Cianchette building. I enjoyed mowing the lawn at the Headmaster's House; Mrs. Stanley would bring out some cold lemonade whenever she was there.





Norby Young proudly watches as I receive my awards

It's Easy

The school bought the latest in poles for me, made of Swedish steel and weighing only about half as much as the one I had been using. This pole was much easier to control. I remember that I set the State record with it the first weekend I used it.

By the time I got to be a senior, I was really having fun and enjoying the MCI experience. I finally talked Norby into letting me go out for undergrad football. I can hear him now, saying, "What if you get hurt and can't pole vault?" Football was fun and I made it through without getting hurt. I recall those practice sessions we had on the field across from the track. One session in particular sticks out in my mind. I was playing defense in one of the first practices that Mr. Shields held when someone broke through the line and was running for a touchdown. It was my assignment to catch him and not let him score. I took off after him and caught up to him in short order. I didn't bother to tackle him as he was running along the sideline; I lowered my shoulder and bumped him out of bounds! Mr. Shields came up to me and wanted to know how I knew to do that, having never played before. I told him that's the way they do it on TV. He just laughed!

The first game in which I played was a home game at Manson Park, and standing on the sidelines was Norby Young. He had come out to watch me play, and as always, offer some advice. He said that when I broke through the line, to run for the goal and don't look back (looking back breaks your stride and allows anyone chasing to catch you). We had a reverse play where I'd follow my pulling guard (who was

Walter Philbrick) through a hole in the line he'd create. The play worked, and I was off down the sidelines heading for the goal. Now you know, I had to look back, and sure enough, I got caught on the one yard line. Now I know what he meant! I ran in that end zone three times before it counted. One time I was knocked for a flip in mid air. That was the last time I looked back.

I turned in my football uniform on Saturday after our last game. Before I could leave the gym, Norby came up and asked me to run cross country on Monday against U of Maine. I was in shape from playing football so I agreed to run. I could never say no whenever he asked. I recall Norby getting up and giving a speech on the bus ride over to Orono. Beating the freshmen at U of M was always our main goal – to beat them was a real feather in our cap! After his speech, Norby came up to me and said, "You don't have to take it easy just because you haven't been on the team all year." I already knew that the first five on the team to cross the finish line got to run in the State meet the next weekend. I always gave everything I had, and today would be no different.

It was a cold day. We had an inch of snow on the ground and the field where we started was white and slippery. The uniform we wore was silk shorts and tank top shirts – not very warm, to say the least. The footing was the worst part, since once your shoes got wet, it was uncomfortable the rest of the 2-1/2 miles. I managed to come in third place overall. I was so sore the next week, I could hardly walk. I wasn't in shape for cross country, but I had given it all I had. I did run in the State Meet the next weekend, but didn't do all that well.

I held the State record in pole vault and was going for the record in the high school division the next weekend. Norby said, "If you want to be any good in sports, leave smoking, drinking and women alone." I figured two out of three wasn't bad, as I'd had a girlfriend for some time (but I think he knew that). My years at MCI and my relationship with Norby are inseparable; to me he was MCI. Did he treat me any different than the rest of the team?

No, we were all special to him and he helped and encouraged all of his students and players in every way he could.

In 1965, I had a chance to coach the track team of Bangor High as an assistant. I couldn't help but think that Norby would be proud of the job I did and the way I was giving back to the sport I enjoyed so much.

I have fond memories of my days at MCI, and feel like the education I received has stood me in good stead in this life. The only thing I ever lost at school was the word "can't". You can do it; it just may take some time and effort to figure it out. Often when traveling my wife asks me, "Are you lost?" I respond, "No, just momentarily bewildered." I can find my way – sometimes I have to stop and ask directions, but I get there. ■



In Memoriam

The Alumni Office has been notified of the passing of these members of the MCI Family:

Bunny Bickford '38
Robert A. Bickford '58
Vesper Boynton '41
Estelle Cianchette
Robert Cowan '30
Lendal S. Dahlgren '47
Robert L. Day '51

Charles Dickinson '85
George Diplock '51
Mary B. Foss '43
Evelyn Fuller '46
Dorothy S. Furber
Stephen F. Gendron '70
Kenneth J. Hamilton '70

Ann Milliken Hamlin '42
Roy C. Latimer '65
Blaine K. Littlefield '99
Samuel D. Lloyd
Dorothy Magnus Mantell '33
Stanley Mathes
Irma D. McKechnie '22

Holmes G. Rice '55
Barbara Rogers
Theron Sparrow '53
Basil C. Tasker '49
Mark A. Walker '81
Charles E. Whitman '52

The Alumni Affairs Office tries its very best to accurately record the names of alumni and friends who have passed away. Please contact the Alumni Affairs Office about the deaths of alumni or friends of MCI, particularly those which occur outside our local news area.

Dorothy Magnus Mantell '33



Member of the Class of 1933 and a native of St. Albans, Maine, Dorothy Magnus grew up on a farm during the Depression and was unable to find the time to participate in many school activities while at Maine Central Institute. She was highly respected by her classmates who made a delightful anagram of her nickname.

D'ainty is this fair Miss of St. Albans, O'rderly, too, is this conscientious lass, T'rue-blue has she been to her friendly class.

Her last name spelled out the qualities her classmates most admired in her: Magnanimous, Artistic, Gracious, Neat, Unselfish, Sincere.

She married Samuel Henry Mantell and worked as a bookkeeper in their furniture store in Troy, New York for many years. After his death she moved to Roswell, Georgia in 1982 to be near their son Henry Junior. He commented that his mother had always loved MCI and, although she only came to one reunion after she moved away from the area, in the late 1970's, the school was always extremely dear to her heart. In her will, Dorothy designated a bequest of \$25,000 to the school she so loved. We at MCI are extremely grateful for her thoughtful generosity and loyalty. Dorothy was indeed magnanimous, unselfish and sincere.

Blaine Kirk Littlefield '99



Blaine Littlefield, son of Craig and Sharon Mayhew Littlefield of Burnham, died tragically in an automobile accident on February 13. Blaine is survived by his father Craig, Class of 1977 who is a member of the Alumni Association's Executive Committee, his mother Sherri, Class of 1979 who has been a longtime member of the Board of Trustees, and his adored younger sister Jessi, Class of 2003. He is also survived by his grandparents, an uncle, three aunts and eight younger cousins.

While at MCI Blaine participated in Student Council and was a member of National Honor Society and the Math Team. He was named to the KVAC All-Academic Team and was a Manson Essay finalist. An avid golfer Blaine played soccer and basketball and was a volunteer coach for Warsaw Middle School's basketball and baseball teams.

Blaine attended the University of Houston in Texas and the State University of New York in Albany. Employed as a supervisor for Mann Wireless in New York, Blaine traveled throughout

the United States.

He loved his family, playing with his young cousins, poolside parties, shopping, golf, friends, life and especially his sister Jessi and his best friend Nancy Cavanaugh.

Calling hours were held in Parks Gym on the MCI campus and funeral services were held in Wright Gym; many hundreds of people attended to express their sorrow to his family and to bid farewell to this outstanding young man. A memorial scholarship has been established in his name. Contact the Alumni and Development Office at Maine Central Institute for more details.

A Magnificent Memorial Gift from a Devoted Daughter



Bertha Mae Smith Furber graduated from MCI in the early 1900's after attending Thornton Academy in her hometown, Saco, Maine. She also studied music with Dr. Latham True of Portland before beginning five years of private music instruction to pupils in the Southern Maine area. In 1912, Bertha Mae returned to MCI to teach piano and chorus for two years before marrying Harry Olwin Furber in June 1914. Harry owned Saco Manufacturing, a major producer of wooden dowels and columns.

Bertha Mae must have truly loved Maine Central Institute because her only child Dorothy Smith Furber, upon her death, left a bequest of \$50,000 to MCI's music department in her mother's memory.

Dorothy didn't follow her mother to MCI; instead she was a boarding student at Mt. Hermon School, now Northfield-Mt. Hermon, in Massachusetts. After her graduation in 1933, she then attended Weber College, the women's branch of Babson College, before returning to live with her parents in a modest Victorian house on Spring Street within walking distance of the factory. Dorothy worked for a time for a Biddeford attorney before

joining her father's company as office manager and then treasurer of Saco Manufacturing.

A talented musician herself, Dorothy played the piano and organ, often in dual concerts with her mother, at churches and recitals all over the greater Portland area. Her other interests were genealogy and gardening. Adelbert Jakeman of Ocean Park spoke most fondly of Dorothy and reminisced about her lovely roses and the horticultural advice she and his mother swapped.

A dedicated and faithful daughter, Dorothy moved with her parents to Bar Mills to the huge home, the Brewster House, that they'd purchased after the company was sold in the 1950's. Dorothy cared for her mother and father until they died; both lived well into their 80's. When she inherited Brewster House, she applied for and received National Historic Register status for the gracious structure before selling it and moving to the Gorham area in 1985. Dorothy built a lovely new home in Gorham in which she lived for about ten years before becoming a resident of Gorham House where she resided until her death in December 2001.



Bunny Doherty Bickford '38

Bunny Bickford, who was christened Vertalyne, grew up in Pittsfield and graduated with the Class of 1938. Everyone always called her Bunny, a nickname she got when her father called her "my little bunny rabbit" when he first saw her the day she was born. The Doherty family, with mother and father, 11 children, a hired man and various other relatives numbered 25 to 30 people around the table most Sundays. After graduation from MCI Bunny took care of Elizabeth Sobey's children and other youngsters.

Bunny's two brothers, Mike and Ken, went to live with Norman on his cattle farm to help out and eat well and to get to drive Norm's nice new car. Norm gradually became aware of their sister Bunny, who was five years younger than he and therefore much too young to date when he was in high school.

Bunny and Norman, who was a member of the Class of 1934, were married in 1948 and moved to Apopka, Florida a year later. A friend commented that Norm and Bunny were extremely devoted to each other during their 54 years of marriage and were, in her estimation, "joined at the hip." Norm said, "We had quite a life together!" Norm was a supervisor with Coca-Cola Corporation during his career.

Bunny had an important and meaningful career in an era when few married women worked professionally. She was in Research and Development in the Coca-Cola Corporation's Minute Maid Company. For over thirty years she was a cherished and dedicated employee and, as a Principal Laboratory Specialist, she assisted on numerous research products that established Minute Maid Orange Juice and many other commercial products as top rated beverages nationwide. During her years at Minute Maid, Bunny was a mentor and teacher to many young technicians and scientists, helping to launch their careers as effective leaders

and scientists in the Florida citrus industry. She retired in 1984, much to the dismay of those who worked with her. The President of Coca-Cola, Ira C. Herbert, wrote a letter of commendation to Bunny in 1978 in which he commented, "You have been an integral part of the growth and progress of our business and your dedication and hard work have contributed much to its development. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation and gratitude for your support and loyalty."

In 1960 Bunny suffered a stroke from which she recovered with the help of Norm and nurse Joyce Livingston, who became a very close personal friend and her care-giver during the past several years. Joyce described Bunny as a sweet, smart and caring woman who loved a good joke. Always with a smile on her face, Bunny never commented about others unless it was to say something positive.

Bunny passed away on November 18, 2002 at age 82. In addition to her beloved husband, Bunny is survived by brothers Hollis and Thomas Doherty, sisters Vada Nelson and Joann Miville, a number of nieces and nephews and countless friends who dearly loved her. Her services were held in the Trinity Baptist Church of which she and Norm were charter members.

Bunny loved MCI all her life and Norm has as well. He said that he hopes their donations to MCI over the years have helped other young people have the same opportunities they both had. Bunny and Norm drew up a Charitable Remainder Trust several years ago to insure that MCI's students will continue to benefit from their love of Maine Central Institute and their generous loyalty to it.



Roy C. Latimer '65

Roy's first priority was always his family, followed closely by his love and knowledge of cars. During his almost 35 years of marriage to Sandy, Roy devoted himself to his wife and three children, Lee, Dawn and Kristi, and daughter-in-law Robin. He was a steadfast father who never missed a single game, performance or activity that his kids participated in. He taught each of his children to build their first cars, helping them to understand the value of hard work and pride in ownership. He was present when his first grandchild, Dawson Roy, was born on February 3, 2003. Roy, Sandy, and their children were inseparable from family members Sonia and Michelle Latimer, Jim and Carol Vine and Galen and Morgan Lessard, all of Kingman.

Roy Latimer of Kingman, Arizona died Friday Feb. 21, 2003, when the commuter van that took him to Mohave Generating Station rolled on Highway 68 in Golden Valley. Roy worked as a safety administrator for California Edison at the plant. The son of Percy and Vera Latimer (both deceased), Roy was born Aug. 5, 1947, in Pittsfield, Maine. A graduate of Maine Central Institute, Roy served his country during the Vietnam War. Roy was recognized throughout the Kingman community, where he lived for 35 years, for his ability to make anybody laugh, and for the continuous smile on his face. His gift for telling great jokes was unsurpassed.

Ann Milliken Hamlin was raised in Pittsfield, where she graduated from Maine Central Institute in 1942 and the following year from a "finishing school" for girls, Walnut Hill. While enrolled at Smith College in Massachusetts, Ann contracted tuberculosis and was forced to withdraw. After recovering, Ann attended Parsons School of Design in New York.

In 1950, she married and, several years later, she moved with her husband, Dr. Irvin E. Hamlin, from Boston to East Millinocket, where she started his medical practice. They had met in Waterville when Irvin and a friend, in town for a Girl Scout leaders' meeting, stopped for supper at the Jefferson Hotel where Irvin was a part time waiter.

Ann was very active in many civic organizations. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a former trustee of MCI and served on the boards of Community Health and Counseling Services, Oak Park Manor and Katahdin Friends.

Ann enjoyed playing cards, pitch and bridge, with her friends. She was a current member of the Maine Harness Horseman's Association and the Maine Standardbred Breeder's Association. Ann had an unending passion for horses and horse breeding.



With her daughter Betsey, Ann was still actively raising horses for harness racing at the time of her death. Some of her horses are in training in East Newport this winter.

Ann was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dr. Irvin E. Hamlin of East Millinocket; three children and their spouses: William and Becky Hamlin, Betsey and Jim Kelley, and Jay and Sheila Hamlin, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Her four Canadian siblings and their spouses, Nancy and John Dumas, Peter and Donna Mitchell, Mary and Charles Ferguson, and Susan and Henry Voth, also survive her. Her granddaughter Antoinette, Betsey's daughter, has inherited the family's love of animals and is currently enrolled at the Royal College of Veterinary Medicine in London.

At her funeral, Irvin commented, "Ann was a terrible housekeeper but a wonderful homemaker." He went on to say that the day before she died, Ann had her hair done as usual because it was Friday, went grocery shopping and cooked a great dinner. Just the sorts of things a wonderful homemaker does. Ann will be missed.

Class Notes

Class of 1930

Nelson Tibbets, Class Agent, wrote: "Congratulations on the Fall *Alumnus*. It's the best yet! Another note on Sara Cowan. A number of years ago, she was the recipient of a prestigious award given by Colby College in recognition of graduates who had made significant contributions in the field of education."

"In the two years I was at MCI, there were only a very few out-of-state students - a handful from Massachusetts and one from Rhode Island, all postgraduates."

With the passage of time, I find that my function as class agent is taking on the role of a messenger of sad tidings rather than that of a reporter of everyday or unusual activities. Evelyn Farnham Hersey died on July 19. Bob Cowan died on August 17. Evelyn went peacefully. For Bob, it was a merciful release from suffering. Both of these good people are now equally at peace. Both Evelyn and Bob, besides being involved in many activities during their school years, remained actively loyal to MCI over all the years since, and were faithful in attendance at summer reunions. Evelyn wrote the words of our class ode. This is the last verse:

*"Mem'ries of schooldays always will linger—
Lessons we studied; friendships we made.
And from our hearts these mem'ries so tender
Never will vanish; never fade."*

And now this is the school's mailing list for our Class of 1930: Pauline Mahoney Dorr, Wallace Harris, Zelma Homstead Harris, Floyd Humphrey, Elizabeth Kimball Langlois, Lois Folsom Lewis, Zigmunt Modzeleski, Avis Burgess Tedesco, Nelson Tibbets, Eleanor Toothaker.

May you have the best possible tomorrows,
Nelson Tibbets, Class Agent '30

Class Of 1936

Eleanor Blaisdell Bradeen states that after a winter in Florida, she has been visiting her daughters, including the eldest in Halifax, Canada. In August, she is traveling to Syracuse, New York for her grandson's wedding, and will be returning to Florida in October. She is still playing the piano and has played piano/organ duets with her organist daughter at her church. Eleanor states she would love to hear from former friends from MCI. Her e-mail is littledarlinggifts@hotmail.com.

Class Of 1948

The class news is limited as we are looking forward to you being present on August 2 for our 55th anniversary from MCI. At that time, all of us can contribute our news.

Marilyn Willy Gerry from Florida joined us "locals" for a couple of luncheons. Marilyn came at the right time to observe photos of Helen Cianchette, taken on her African Safari. We all enjoyed the picture of Helen riding an elephant!!!!!!

Ted Bryant and his wife Shirley came to lunch. A busy summer for them celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, his 50th from U of Me. and her 50th from Bangor High School. They are not "partied out" yet as they are looking forward to our 55th.

Other friends to dine with us were Rosalie Varnum Shaw '42, Eleanor Emery Varney '45, Virginia Coolbroth Landry '50, Kathy Bryant Alley '72 was present to make our signs for our "class cheerleaders photos". She made sure her "luncheon elders" moved around with energy to complete the task!!! Thanks Kathy!!!!

Tom Millett and his wife Jane attended the MCI Santa Monica, California Alumni and Friends Reunion on October 27, 2002 at the Beach Club. Alice Shaw Patterson's son, Gregg '69 and his wife Elaine hosted the reunion.

Alice Patterson, Robert Beattie, William Hatch and Elizabeth Whalen attended the 2002 alumnae banquet. This not being a big year for our class, it was much fun to chat with members of classes behind us and ahead of us in school. We enjoyed visiting with our friend and teacher of the past, Eleanor Toothaker class of 1930!!! You will enjoy all these happenings too on August 2nd!!!!

Sincerely yours, Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen, Class Agent '48

Class Of 1949

Harriet Riley Cederstrom writes in memory of Durward Emery '46, that he was one of the finest men ever to graduate from MCI, and a dear friend of ours. He is remembered as a football hero there and excelled in other sports as well. She further writes, we expect to see Joan Cookson Brochu (Cookie) and Donald (Butch) Brochu in California soon. It's nice to stay in touch. I'm glad that the school continues to flourish and serve so many. Founders Hall is certainly a good project.

Class Of 1951

The year of 2002 was a sad time for our class. We lost four members of our class. Galen Spencer, Richard Farnsworth, Walter Anthony and Robert Day all passed away. Our heartfelt condolences go out to each of the families.

I received a nice letter from Robert Vance. He is still active in his ministry with the Child Evangelism Fellowship. He ministers to the children that do not have the privilege of church teaching of the Bible. He and his wife Sang-ae celebrated their 25th anniversary this past summer.

Ted Maher writes he is playing a lot of tennis and working in his yard. He and Mary have seven grandchildren who live close by. He is looking forward to seeing his MCI friends in Florida this winter.

Maxine Young Gorton writes she had knee surgery in November and says Ernie has been a great nurse and chauffeur. She writes her granddaughter, Sarah Snow, is a freshman at MCI and participates in band and chorus. Their daughter, Linda, is the chorus director at MCI. Maxine still works part time at the Maine Association of Retirees in Farmingdale.

Shirley Sayles Rogers and Donald write that they have been married 51 years. They have two children and five grandchildren. They enjoy traveling the East Coast and attending Shiner's affairs around the country. Next Spring, they plan on a trip to Texas. Shirley and Don live in Yulee, Florida.

Marilyn Parkhurst Sirois and Clarence have a new Florida address. She and Clarence spend winters in Florida and summers in Maine. Their new address is 8500 Ridgewood Avenue, Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920.

Lyle (Mike) Gallison and Beverly write they have bought a place in Sarasota, Florida, and are here for the winter. They have a great granddaughter and are expecting a great grandson around Christmas. They return to the north in the Spring.

On my way to Florida in the fall, I stopped for a visit with Pat Levassuer. Her grandson is a freshman at U Conn and is doing well. Her granddaughter will be entering high school in the Fall. Pat keeps busy with her church and putting up delicious preserves, which she gives to everyone who stops in. I enjoy them all winter long.

Opal Bowden Burdick sent me a long letter in December, telling me all about her and her husband's lives. They have four children who live in Michigan. Also, they have six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Opal writes she and Ron bought a trailer in Michigan and will be spending June through September in the north and then return to their home in the south. She would like to hear from old friends. Her address is 1850 U S Hwy 27 S, Apt. P 23, Avon Park, Florida 33825.

Willie White writes he is in the Christmas Tree business in Topeka, Kansas. He and his wife, Gracie, have three daughters and four grandchildren. He enjoys playing golf and shooting clays. He spends June and July in Kennebunkport, Maine and would like to have friends visit.

Barbara Ross Wollensak and Jack sent me a lovely newsletter over the holiday. They do a lot of traveling, visiting their five children in Michigan, Connecticut and Louisiana. They are looking forward to the birth of their seventh grandchild in March. They enjoy traveling to Europe and other countries and skiing in Vermont.

Betty Sullivan Elholm called Sally over New Years. She and John are both doing well and enjoying the winter in Arizona. Betty and John are planning on traveling to Maine in January for a couple weeks to visit her mother, who will be celebrating her birthday.

Sally Cianchette Dwinel and Kevin enjoy their winter here in Florida. visit every day and reminisce about our younger years. Sally is progressing real well.

Reajean Lancaster Lester writes she and Don are doing better these days. Sally and I enjoyed their visit last summer. Don is recovering from having by-pass surgery last summer. He is doing fine now.

I still have the list of classmates and their addresses for anyone who wants them. Send any news about yourselves and you families.

Sincerely, Alice Fitts Ross, Class Agent '51.
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Phone: 207-487-5273 or 813-715-6009

Sally Cianchette Dwinel, Co Class Agent '51, 265 Grove St., Newport, ME 04953.
Winter: 38619 White Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542. Phone: 207-368-5886 or 813-788-0311

Beverly Sennett Berry, Co Class Agent '51, 156 Tampico Dr., Northport, FL 34287. Phone: 207-368-5874

Class Of 1952

What a wonderful reunion. It was so nice to see everyone and to catch up on the last 50 years. Several classmates wrote that they were planning to come but circumstances prevented it. **Adrien Fournier** was in the middle of two surgeries. He now is recovered and feeling fine. He enjoys his four children, eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Bob and I are hoping to see him when he visits his brother Larry in Arizona and hopefully play a little golf.

Pat (Buston) Whitten wrote that she and Dolnar are now in their new home 53 Silver Tail Rd. in Berwick, ME 03901. They spent Christmas with their son while their new home was being finished. They now are sorting, rearranging, donating, etc. - all the things necessary in downsizing. I'm sure a lot of us can relate!!!!

Nancy (Knight) Billings wrote that although they planned to be at our 50th, her stepmother passed away at the age of 100 (amazing!) and they were busy with



The Class of 1948 is planning a smashing 55th Reunion. Alice Shaw Patterson, Helen Esty Cianchette, Ted Bryant, P'Nut Coolbroth Fowler, Bob Beattie, Joyce Beattie Williams and Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen hope many will attend their 55th.



Class of 1953 Reunion Planners. L to R: Sarah G. Chipman, Gloria Beattie McNichol, Catherine Doyle Mooers, Jackie Smith Bennett and Loretta Doherty Brown. It's their 50th!

settling her estate. They have a cottage at Lakewood so may make a future reunion. Our condolences to them on the loss of their 35-year-old son last September from a sudden heart attack. We hope that 2003 will be a much happier and healthier year for the Billings. Nancy wrote that she corresponds with **Bette Bagley '54** and **Terrie Dean Clark '54**.

Rodney Russell wrote that he enjoys being a certified Indian Lore merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts, teaching customs, rituals, and the Abnaki language. He also teaches his grandson the Abnaki and Latin languages. Rodney retired from teaching but obviously his love of education transcends into his retirement. He sends his best to his classmates.

Louise Fidler (Eurania Kellis) has been busy following the soccer and basketball teams of her grandchildren. She also sings with her church choir and is on the church board. In November she attended **John Wentworth's** daughter's wedding reception in San Francisco. His daughter was married in Greece. Louise's sister Sophie is in Mesa, Arizona. So, Bob and I are looking forward to seeing Louise when she visits Sophie. Louise keeps in touch with **Leah (Heffren) '54** and **George Newhouse '54**.

Bev (Turner) Breau reports that they spent ten weeks in their place Downeast after the reunion last summer. A friend of hers from Oregon joined them for three weeks, and she and Bev had a good time touring Prince Edward Island. Bev wrote that she saw **Sandra (Humphrey) Carson** and **Harold Carson** a couple times when Sandra was visiting her folks.

Glenys (Hill) Gifford wrote of her enjoyment at the reunion and expressed what most of us felt - it was too short. She had an opportunity while there to meet with the Headmaster and present to him a class picture of the class and faculty of 1927 which originally belonged to her uncle. It will hang in Alumni Hall.

We have spent a busy Christmas in Fla. Our daughter has just accepted a position in Atlanta, requiring her to move there within a two-week time frame. We have been packing, etc. The boys will join her in a couple weeks and her husband will later, when the house sells. What a whirlwind holiday - but fun. Aren't grandchildren wonderful?

Please keep the "cards and letters" coming of your doings. I love mail!!!!

Nancy Sinclair Wilson, Class Agent '52

Class Of 1953

50th '53 is the **BIG NEWS** for our class this year! If you really want to know the latest news of your classmates, make every effort to be in Pittsfield on August 2 for our class reunion. Last fall, you received a letter that outlined the events of the day. The committee is working hard to finalize these plans and to ensure that the reunion is memorable for everyone.

To register for the reunion events on campus, you must complete the form in this edition of the *Alumnus*. Read the material carefully and register early!

You will receive, if you have not already, a special class letter with a form to register for the class party at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 4:00 p.m. through the evening. If you have any concerns or questions, contact either **Kaye Mooers** or **Sarah Chipman**. The reunion committee is hoping for a banner turnout!! Join us and have the time of your life!! Let's have the largest 50th anniversary attendance in the history of MCI! We can do it!

Kaye Doyle Mooers and **Walter** did a 15-day tour of France last fall. They traveled from Nice on the Riviera to Paris on the Rhone River. Highlights of the tour were Monaco, Arles, Djon, Notre Dame and dancing at the Moulin Rouge. They also spent a week at their timeshare at Evergreen Valley.

Joyce Hunt Rowe has been very busy this year traveling as Grand Marshal of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Maine. Being appointed to this office is a great honor for Joyce and indicates her loyalty to the order.

No more news except to **BE IN PITTSFIELD ON AUGUST 2!!**

Class Of 1955

Dana Field wrote to Alumni and Development to say, "Thanks for the note in your letter about the MCI song I sang to **Kim (Kim Gerry '06)**, Key Club phonathon volunteer who called us. During the Thanksgiving break I was looking through a book Heart Songs, published in 1909. When I came upon **Juanita**, I read the verses for the first time. In turn I sang them to **Glennis**, a lovely and romantic song. I thought I would send along a copy. (His wife **Glennis Brown Field** is a member of the Class of 1960.)

Editor's note: Call or e-mail us. We'll be glad to send you a copy of the original song; the words were changed to *Dear Old MCI many years ago* and the song is still sung today at Reunion and Graduation.

Class of 1959

Father John Civiello wrote to thank Alumni and Development for putting him in touch with his former teacher **Norval 'Bud' Lewis**. It was indeed a unique experience since I have not spoken with him since he did the MCI article about me when I was serving on the Indian reservation in Old Town. When I introduced myself on the phone he almost broke down. I was thrilled to tell him how influential he was in my education.

When I arrived at MCI I had absolutely no self-confidence in the classroom. As the year went on, I couldn't wait to get up each day and back to my studies. I was legally blind as a youngster; unfortunately, my brain tumor was not diagnosed until after I was ordained a priest. Five cranial operations followed.

In the article he wrote about me, **Bud Lewis** told of my inability to read until I was already at Stearns High School; after that hurdle was overcome, I had to learn to write because I was determined to gain an education, overcome my brain tumor and reach my goal of being ordained into the priesthood. **Bud's** article went on to say, "When he got to MCI he played basketball, took all the courses MCI would allow and audited Latin and physics. He worked double shifts waiting on tables in

the Weymouth Hall Dining Room and literally paid his own way. He never borrowed a cent and never received a single grant, throughout his many years of schooling. When he couldn't study enough during evening study hours he would set his alarm for 4 o'clock each morning. With the help of his senior English teacher he learned how to write. By the time 'term paper' rolled around, he could and did write creditably, even by that teacher's high standards!"

Class Of 1963

Roderick Badger writes that he is now working at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor in the Jax Research System and Jax Mice Genetics Research.

Class Of 1965

Cianbro President & CEO Peter G. Vigne recently received the 2002 Major Achievements in Construction (MAC) Award from the Associated Constructors of Maine, Inc. A surprise ceremony held at the Samoset Resort honored the industry leader for his "enduring commitment to workplace safety, business excellence and community service." Peter was also honored by The Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America with the 2002 Distinguished Citizen Award.



Then: Manson Park 8th grade class



Now: Manson Park 50th birthday party in December, 2002
Front Row: L to R Nellie Weymouth Day, Inez Reynolds Pomerleau, Judy Braley Davis, Ione Austin Donnell, Valerie Havey Varney, Rena Theriault Hodgins
Back Row: James Stephen Files, Eric Marsh, Alfred "Sessa" Menendez, Wayne Richards, Lois Woodcock, Roger Thompson, Paul Nichols, Mike McGowan



In 1968, Key Club President Gregory Patterson, left, accepted completed registration and Key Club International Yearly Achievement Forms from N. Blake Bartlett, MCI Key Club advisor. President Patterson represented MCI at the Key Club International Convention in Miami, Florida in July 1968. The MCI Key Club entered for the first time in the international competition as a result of winning first place in the New England District of Key Clubs. With a membership of nine, the MCI Key Club took top honors in the coveted Yearly Achievement Award, Bronze Section.

Class Of 1968

Hans S. Fletcher writes that after seven years of building, he completed his cutter, A.G. The Peter Bradshaws and Richardson, one our English teachers, attended the launching in Portland.

"Once around the world, and I am not inclined to do that again, though there are still other places to visit. I sold my cutter, A.G. and bought a small Bambi Airstream, in which I live and upgrade when I am in North America. I am becoming or am a bicontinental snow bird, traveling between New England and Colombia, South America. Still a wanderer's life..."

Class of 1969

Blake Bartlett recently brought the photo and caption to the Alumni and Development Office. He commented that he was so concerned that the Sno-Ball tradition would die so he suggested to the administration that Key Club take over planning and decorating for the prom (which the group does to this day). He said that more than 150 students attended the 1969 Sno-Ball.

Class Of 1974

Patrick McGowan was recently appointed by Governor Baldacci to serve as commissioner of the Department of Conservation.

Class Of 1976

Hi, Gang! Another summer has flown by and the young ones are back in school. This year's Annual Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 2. Maybe I'll see some of you there or at the Egg Festival the weekend before. (The Egg Festival theme for '03 is Mardi Gras). Look for me in the bingo tent. You can see John Crosby most everyday by the library selling hot dogs, burgers, Italian sausage, etc. I would also like to offer my condolences to Nancy Fendler and her family on the recent loss of her mom. I saw Pam Tozier this summer and she told me she is working in Bangor now.

You guys get your pens, paper or your keyboards out and drop me a line with

your news. Historically Yours, Don Hallenbeck, Class Agent '76, email: photoman_flash@yahoo.com

Class Of 1978

Reginald Crawford is alive and well living in Dallas, Texas and working for Neiman Marcus as a Project Manager. All interested parties can contact Reginald via E-mail at Reginald_Crawford_neimanmarcus.com

Class Of 1983

Gail Hart Bouliver writes, Hey Everyone!! Just letting you know I still exist. I live in beautiful Cape Coral, Florida, where I've been the past 16 years. I am currently employed as a Child Care Assistant and absolutely love my job and my life. Unfortunately (????) I am soon to be divorced from a marriage that has lasted 19 years. All is very well though, as I have found much happiness in my new life with some old friends. The best advice I can give, would be to contact old friends, enjoy and respect them. They can be true friends for life. I also want to mention that I have two beautiful teens, Amy is now 18 years old. I also have a 16-year-old son who loves working on his '89 Regency. I hope to see you at 2003 Reunion. Have fun, and enjoy life to the fullest! Love to all, Gail

To the Class of '83, Annette Folsom did write to update me on her whereabouts and activities and we keep in touch on a regular basis. Here is what she had to say:

"I am living in Haynesville, up in the 'County'. I met a wonderful man over two years ago and got engaged on Christmas. Rings REALLY do come in Cracker Jack boxes. My girls are now 15 and 19 and doing well. Stephanie (15) is in the 10th grade at Hodgdon High School and is finally loving school. Jen (19) is in the Job Corps in Bangor. She has her GED, is working on her diploma and is going into welding. Watch out guys. It has been a tough couple of years since my mom's passing, but thanks to my brother and fiancé, I am doing okay. I keep busy with gardening, Anah Shrine K-9's for Kids, and a lot of moose watching up here.

Stephanie is the only one left at home and keeps me hopping.... (You remember being a teenager don't you? Pray for me...ha ha). With my hobbies, Stephanie and my fiancé, life is finally wonderful, full and complete. Please e-mail me if you want at missnetti@mf.net I would love to hear from you all out there. Can't wait to see everyone at the reunion."

I also hear from Elaine Sherwood now and again who pops in to say "Hi" and we have had a couple inquiries as to what we are doing for our 20th Reunion that is coming up in August this year. I will be composing a letter and sending it out so please take a moment to read it when it arrives.

That's about it for now. Would love to hear from some more of you so we can get your information into the Almanus and let everyone else know what you're up to. For those who have written in the past, please write with an update. E-mail me at crazyknits@aol.com. So, drop me a line if you get a chance. Keep an eye out for that Reunion letter and I hope everyone is having a good start to the New Year.

Class Agent '83, Charice Sullivan

Class Of 1984

Leisa Heal West writes that she and Nathan West are now divorced. They have two daughters. The oldest, Brandi, is a senior at Forest Hills High in Jackman. She is one of the top 25 students in the State of Maine. She placed 9th statewide in math and is currently looking into colleges. Their youngest daughter, Katherine, is in the fifth grade at Forest Hills. She enjoys school and the fact that she gets to switch classes like the big kids. Leisa is a C.N.A. at a home for the mentally handicapped and has a degree in MR and Aggression. In her spare time, she writes books and poems. Her first book should be published next year. Leisa states she would love to hear from people she graduated with. She keeps in touch with Donna Holmes Dunphy, Renee Genereux Mayeu and Demaris Chase Flood. Her e-mail is green_author@yahoo.com. Leisa currently resides in Jackman and reports, "The best news of all, I'm engaged!"

Class Of 1988

Larissa Vigue writes, I am an Associate Program Director at the Vermont Humanities Council in Morrisville, Vermont, where I oversee a number of community reading and discussion and grant programs. I also teach one class a semester at the Community College of Vermont, and have continued doing some free lance writing on the side. Creative writing remains important to me and as a faculty member of the Young Vermont Writers' Conference at Champlain College in Burlington, I get to share my love for it with high school students each May. Email: larissa_vigue@breadnet.middlebury.edu

Class Of 1991

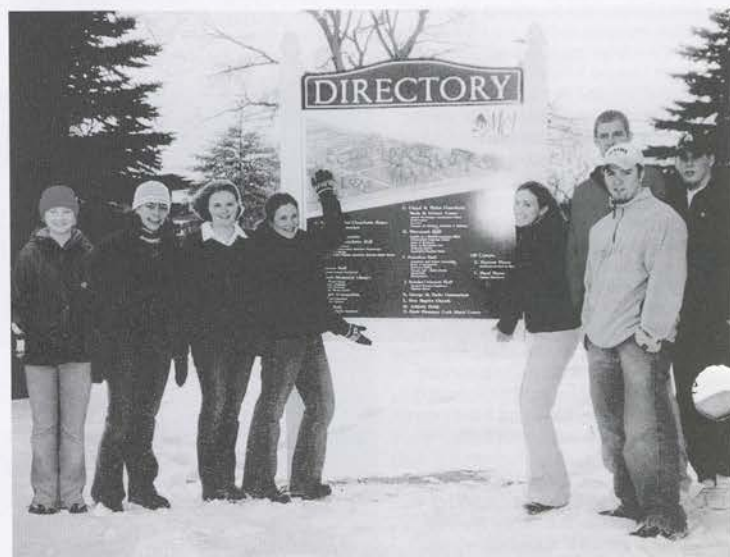
James Richards writes, I am living in Orlando, Florida with my wife Nikki and 3 year old daughter Lanie. I work for a computer software company by day and attend law school at night. Look me up if you are planning a vacation to one the local theme parks. Email: richardsjn@yahoo.com

Class Of 2000

Justin Ladd writes, "Each year the University of New England (UNE) selects one junior and one senior athletic training major to work with the Portland Pirates Hockey Team. This year I was selected as the junior member. I attend all of the home games and some of the practices, assisting the Pirates' athletic trainers v play their duties. Email: jladd@pipeline.unepool

Class Of 2002

Shelby Dyer of Pittsfield, a dance student who attended Maine Central Institute, was selected to participate in the "First Job Audition" at this year's Monaco Dance Forum. The event was held at the Grimaldi Forum Monaco from Tuesday, December 10 through Saturday, December 14. Shelby was one of six candidates selected from the United States and only 100 were selected from around the world. The chosen dancers, all of whom are amateurs, performed in front of some of the world's most renowned company directors. This was the second ever Monaco Dance Forum held. The forum is held every two years.



Members of the Class of 2002 admire the new School Directory sign their class donated to MCI as their graduation gift.



The absolutely gorgeous set

HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & FRIENDS

SPRING 2003

The Arts at MCI, Alive and Very Well Done

Drama

This fall twelve MCI students attended the **New England Theatre Conference and Theatre Olympiad** in New Hampshire. Tyler Richardson and Kate Zarolinski won first and third places respectively in the Musical Theatre competition, while master improvisationists Matt Nichols, Steve Parkhurst and Forrest Peterson brought home the First Place plaque for Improv Comedy. Two moving and powerful monologues written by Craig Gibson and David Cavanaugh were selected for performance by professional actors.

The complexities of the fall musical, *The Dream On Royal Street*, are best understood by reading the program notes: *This musical adaptation of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" is all the fun, excitement and laughter of the Bard's original tale. The characters are the same with just a slightly different twist!*

Instead of Elizabethan England, it's now the Roaring Twenties, at a hotel in New Orleans during the Mardi Gras festivities.

**The Dream On
Royal Street
was zany,
very different,
hilarious,
a treat for both
eye and ear.**

Molly Gawler's beautiful *Hermia* was charmingly in love with *Lysander*, played by handsome Craig Gibson; their duet "*The Course of True Love*" was delightful. *Demetrius*, suavely played by Matt Welch, is loved by lovely Kate Zarolinski's *Helena*, but he loves *Hermia* who loves *Lysander*. Kate's "*Treat Me Like A Dog*" number was terrific. The *Fly-By-Nights*, a group of giggly and gorgeous chorus girls, flitted off and on stage with their handsome male counterpart - Bret Laster-Loftus, who

also doubled as choreographer of some of this show's simply smashing routines - throughout the zany comedy.

Unbelievably funny were the spirited chases through the gorgeous sets of the luxurious hotel lobby and the gardens behind it, the antics of the cook, Ji-Hun Kim, with his meat cleaver and rubber chicken that he tried, in vain, to revive, the sight gags, the costumes. No one fortunate to attend *The Dream On Royal Street* will ever forget bellman Snug, played by Dan Welch, in bright yellow long johns and huge bear claw feet or Dustin Spasato's portrayal of a winsome lass in a pale blue veil during the song *Pyramus Loves Thisbe*, sung by Bottom and the Bellmen.

So thorough is Director Deb Susi that she insisted the boys in the cast have their hair precision-cut into 20's style, the authentic 'patent leather hair' look that marked that period. Musical Director Linda Snow's talented accompanists dressed the part and played their parts with appropriate Tin Pan Alley tones. The costumes, especially those worn by the actresses, were fabulous and Mrs. Susi gave effusive thanks to Mrs. Marian Zarolinski and Ms. Bunny Loftus for their invaluable assistance.

The Dream On Royal Street was zany, very different, hilarious, a treat for both eye and ear. Next on Drama's agenda is the **One Act Drama Competition** this spring, *And Then There Was One*.



Campy, clever, captivating!



Kate & Matt



Molly & Craig



The Fly-By-Nights and their beau!

Music

The very prestigious **Berklee College of Music's 37th High School Jazz Festival**, the largest such event of its kind, was held January 18 in Boston. More than 3,500 young musicians from all over the country participated. Twenty-four groups from Maine, as well as those from other states, played in the more than 225 high school jazz combos and ensembles that performed at the Hynes Convention Center. A total of 30 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000, were awarded to groups in three performance categories: big band, combo and jazz vocal group.

Competing with 14 other schools, some with enrollments as large as 800 students, Maine Central Institute's singers won third place in the **Vocal Jazz Ensemble** competition. Taking first and second places were two schools that specialize in the performance arts, Pioneer Valley for the Performing Arts in Massachusetts and Connecticut's Greater Hartford Academy for the Arts. Lindsay DiPasquale received the Judges Award for the best performance with MCI's group. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship towards Berklee Summer Programs.



Vocal Jazz...just before the Berklee competition.



Dean Neal and his Concert Band.



Linda Snow's Concert Choir members were decked out in holiday finery.

The **Instrumental Jazz Ensemble** placed tenth out of 19 schools. Drummer David Chale received the Judges Award for the best performance within his ensemble.

Only a very few students are accepted for Maine's **All State Vocal Jazz Competition** because the All State group only numbers 24 singers. MCI is therefore fortunate to have three students selected for this huge honor: David Chale, Lindsay DiPasquale and Kate Zarolinski are to be congratulated for this most significant achievement.

Students across the state auditioned in November to be a part of the prestigious **All State Band and All State Orchestra**. Four talented students from MCI were selected: Karlyn Moyer-oboe, Danya Glabau-clarinet, Ellen Dickinson-bassoon, and Dustin Sposato-percussion. Maine students will attend a three-day All State Festival in May at the University of Southern Maine. All State Band and All State Orchestra Festival participants will present two concerts.

Two students who auditioned this fall for the **Mid Maine Youth Orchestra**, Danya Glabau and Ellen Dickinson, were both accepted into the ensemble which meets weekly. The orchestra will present a concert in the spring.

Thirteen MCI music students, more than from any other schools, were accepted for the **Kennebec Valley Honors Band** this year. Performing will be flautist Nicole Monk, oboist Karlyn Moyer, bassoonist Ellen Dickinson and three clarinetists: Danya Glabau, Tia Trask and Tara Weeman. Fred Poindexter on baritone, trombonists Alex Cunningham and Tyler Richardson and four percussionists, David Chale, Dustin Sposato, Emily and Ellen Wagner, also will be playing in the KV Honors Band.

Eight singers were accepted for **Kennebec Valley Honors Chorus** this year: sopranos Kristen Cheeseman, Jessica Millet and Kate Zarolinski; altos Crystal Wescott and Lisa Whitman; tenors Craig Gibson and Matt Welch; bass Andrew Coffin.

MCI's truly talented singers and instrumentalists were showcased in two very well-attended **December concerts** that also included presentations by the Warsaw Middle School musicians.

The first, on December 5, began with pre-concert music by the Jazz Combo, and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble's fabulous renditions of Fats Waller's *Honeysuckle Rose*, *Quiet Place* and *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy*. The Instrumental Jazz Ensemble closed with three dynamic numbers, *Buy It and Fry It*, *Grease Blues* and Les Sabina's *Imminent Impact*. Dean Neal is MCI's Music Department Chair who directs the jazz ensembles and Concert Band.

The second concert, on December 19, featured the 70-member Concert Choir and the very large Concert Band that performed to the applause of a hugely enthusiastic crowd. A brand-new percussion group played two marvelous numbers on marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, bells and drums. Performing were David Chale, Bonnie Collier, Craig Gibson, Dustin Sposato and Ellen and Emily Wagner.

The Concert Choir's *Gloria* was lovely and *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*, accompanied by flautist Soo Ji Lee, cellist Tobias Knausenberger and bassoonist Ellen Dickinson, was an exquisitely performed piece, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Snow.

Hit of the evening was the astonishing *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*, from Gustav Holst's *Winter Suite*. Standing to either side of the Concert Band were trumpeters Alex Downs, Andrew Ferland, Marc Turner, Jarod Richmond, Joe Walker and Kevin Westcott, who volleyed their clear, ringing brass tones back and forth. Seldom performed by high school musicians because of the technical and melodic difficulties posed by the piece, the Holst selection was played most professionally and beautifully by MCI's instrumentalists. Verdi's *Dies Irae* and *In the Shining of the Stars*, also very difficult selections, were played to near perfection with extraordinary nuances of tone from a high school concert band. The evening ended with a holiday medley that everyone sang with spirit and appreciation for the excellence of the music they had experienced during the evening.



Elation at Berklee



Brandi Schissler's
Fallen Angel



Johann Nunez-Kemp's self-portrait

Visual Arts

MCI's new art teacher, Sarah Sorg, and her talented students mounted a wonderful exhibit that opened January 17th in the lobby of Pittsfield's Merrill Merchants Bank.

Stunning pieces of art included Brandi Schissler's *Fallen Angel* and Johann Nunez-Kemp's self-portrait. *Fallen Angel* was a beautiful ceramic construction of starkly white feathers tinged in places with pinkish red as if spattered with blood. Only the angel's wings, eloquently and gracefully molded, were depicted, although a few scattered, rather leaf-shaped feathers, displayed below the sweep of wings, suggested a tumultuous descent to death.

Johann's self-portrait was a severe study in black and white with sharply etched facial planes, shadows and shadings. The spiky hair and narrow rimmed glasses gave the viewer quite a different look at the artist.

Karlyn Moyer's *Early Spring* was an incredibly detailed reflection of leafless trees in a chilly-looking lake. The subdued pastels with which she painted the lovely scene lent it a slightly haunting air. Megan Becker created a late summer scene, a tree-lined lane wondrously dappled with the shadows cast by thick foliage.

Holly Higgins created three similar watercolors of bright gold and orange leaves on slender twigs silhouetted against the bluest of autumn skies. One of her three entries was a very tiny and wonderfully delicate painting that was Asian in tone.

Other categories included handmade books and drawings done with pencil and/or ink. An incredibly detailed pencil drawing of a street scene by Savannah Settles was marvelous. Loren Inman drew a part of Leaning Tower of Pisa that was meticulous in detail and scale.



Karlyn Moyer's *Early Spring*



Megan Becker's *dappled lane*.



Sorg and a drawing class.



Exhibit at Merrill Merchants Bank.



Amy Brown '03 and Peter Chamberlain



Tiffany Hartsfield, post graduate



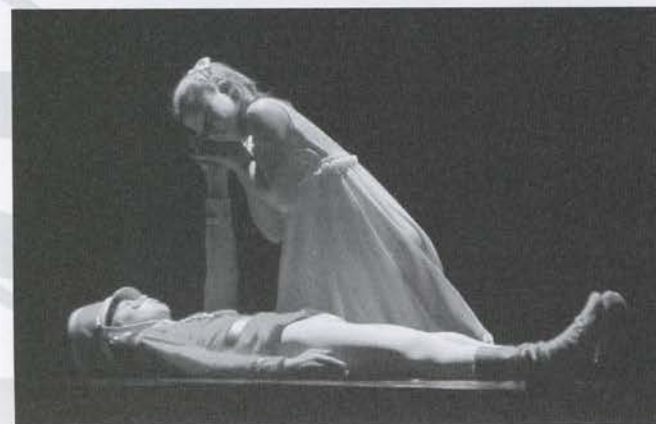
Ann Husted Durham '05



The Mouseking reigns...for awhile.



Stacey O'Donal '04



Samantha Bryan '04 mourns the fallen Nutcracker.

Dance

Jamie Wyeth, whose paintings and drawings of the dancer Rudolf Nureyev were being exhibited at the Farnsworth Museum this fall, contacted Andrei Bossov to invite him to bring his troupe to Camden to perform. The ballet *Don Quixote* was ready to perform and Bossov accepted. The cast and staff was treated to a lavish dinner hosted by MBNA's Shane Flynn at his home and each dancer was presented with an autographed copy of the Wyeth's book of Nureyev paintings. It was an incredibly exciting evening for everyone!



Shelby Dyer '02 of Pittsfield, last year's star of *The Nutcracker*, continued her studies with Andrei Bossov this fall. In December she traveled to Monaco, one of only six American girls invited to participate in Monaco Dance Forum auditions, the world's most prestigious ballet audition, in which more than 100 of the world's most promising ballet dancers performed. While none of the six American dancers was offered a contract after the week's grueling and exhaustive performances, Shelby continues to be confidently committed to her art; she has set an ambitious schedule of auditions across the country beginning in January with the Milwaukee Ballet Company. She has signed up for additional advanced classes with the Bossov Ballet Theatre to help her realize her dream.

This December's lavish production of *The Nutcracker* featured an enormous Christmas tree that grew and grew and grew and new costumes that glittered, resplendent with gold braid on rich red velvet. Sharing the starring role, Marie, were Amy Brown '03 and Samantha Bryan '04 who danced with elegance and lyric grace; both girls have studied with Andrei Bossov since they were in elementary school. The Sugar Plum Fairy was regally performed by Ann Husted Durham '05 and Andrea Michaud. Other MCI students on stage included Molly Gawler '03, Stacey O'Donal and Bret Laster-Loftus, both Class of 2004, post graduate student Tiffany Hartsfield, Rick Gatcomb '05 and Ryan Nye, Kate Zarolinski '05, Calder Taylor '04, Michael Dunsmore '05 and two members of the Class of '06, Amanda Glidden and Theresa Sowa.

A gala reception for the Boards of Trustees of Maine Central Institute and the Bossov Ballet Theatre and the Waterville Opera House Board of Directors preceded the opening performance of *The Nutcracker*; MCI also hosted another reception later that evening for dancers and their families.



Eighteen dancers departed for St. Petersburg, Russia on February 19 for eight days; the troupe joined other groups from around the world to perform in St. Petersburg's Ballet Festival. Their schedule included daily ballet classes for all eighteen, conducted by some of the best teachers that the "world capital of ballet" offers. Among the highlights of the trip were attending the Moussorgsky Ballet's *Le Sylphide* and *La Bayedere* at the former Kirov Ballet, where Andrei Bossov danced for twenty years. The Kirov is now known as the Mariinsky Theatre. The troupe also heard a concert of Rachmaninoff's and Tchaikovsky's music at the St. Petersburg Philharmonic.

Ten of the dancers performed in a production at the historic Theatre of Estrada; they had rehearsed strenuously for four months on Andrei Bossov's original choreography for his ballet suite *My Friend Chopin*. It was an especially exciting trip for Andrei because he was returning to his hometown and had the opportunity to showcase his accomplishments since leaving Russia in 1992.

The Bossov Ballet Theatre's spring production of *Sheherazade* will be danced May 30 and 31 at the Waterville Opera House.

By Carolyn J. Smith

MCI's Marvelous Math Team

By Jim Tyson, Physics Instructor

The Maine Association of Math League is the state level parent organization for the Eastern Maine Math League in which we compete. In our division are Bangor (with six teams competing), Brewer, Central, Hamden, John Babst, Nokomis, Old Town and Orono. Each meet consists of five individual rounds and one team round. The individual rounds have three questions of increasing difficulty; the individual student works alone and must complete his/her computations in twelve minutes. The team round has nine questions, three of which are on each level of difficulty. Each team can collaborate or divide the questions in any manner the team members deem best. Calculators can be used in team rounds and in one of the individual rounds.

Ten students may participate on a team, the rest who attend the meet compete as individuals. During a team round the top six scores from the ten designated team members are counted toward the team score. This means that first and second year students can compete without lowering the team score during rounds that test math skills that haven't been taught at the ninth and tenth grade levels.

MCI's Math Team ranked 7th out of 22 teams in its league and 31st out of 119 teams in the state after the first four meets.

Senior Sung-Ho Kim is top scorer on MCI's Math Team; he is ranked 8th best senior in the Eastern Maine Math League in which MCI participates. There are more than 150 senior math team members in the league.

Other team members, seniors Andrew Coffin, Chris Cochrane, Sean Kim and Tom Wire are ranked 18th, 25th, 36th, and 47th respectively.



Mr. Tyson and his mathematicians.

Eleventh grader Alex Cunningham is in 14th place among all junior competitors. Don, (Hyung-Dung) Lee, even though he joined the team half-way through the season, is the 20th ranked first year student. Other team members are Mac Wyman, Brandi Schissler, Danya Glabau, Joel Crabtree, Tony Crabtree, Luke Simmons, Merri-Ella Sullivan, Jung-Rae Suh, and Woo-Chul Jung. Ten team members compete on the team each meet and the others participate as individuals. Every member is valuable as scheduling conflicts and illness prevent every team member from attending every meet. MCI is fortunate this year to have so many strong students.

MCI's 31st place ranking out of 119 teams participating in Maine puts the school well ahead of such southern Maine schools as Yarmouth, Greely and Freeport High Schools and Hebron Academy.

In my opinion, we would not have such a strong team if not for the continuing leadership and salesmanship demonstrated by Tony Crabtree, Merri-Ella Sullivan and Joel Crabtree. They have contributed far beyond their abilities to solve math problems by recruiting and motivating other students to participate as well as being great examples of dedication and commitment. It is Alex Cunningham's third year on the team and he is one of our most dependable. MCI's team is not being carried by a single math whiz. Six of MCI's students are among the top 100 math team students in the state. Only three of our team members have not yet contributed to the team's total score!

Irma Cushing and I are the math team advisors.

A Treasured Tradition Continues



Junior Jae Myong was a Silver Medalist in last fall's International Poetry Society contest for his 14-line poem entitled *My Life*. He received a commemorative award medallion, a large and beautifully engraved International Poet of Merit Silver Award Bowl and a one-year's subscription to the International Society of Poets quarterly magazine, *The Poet's Corner*. Jae was also notified that his accomplishments were formally honored at the International Society of Poets 14th Annual Convention and Symposium in Los Angeles in November.



A proud Troy Richardson with his Expert Rating medal!

Prize speaking has been a tradition at MCI since 1871, when the Manson Essays were first assigned to juniors. About 25 years later, the Sophomore and Freshman Alumni Prize Speaking Competitions were begun; all three events have been held annually ever since and are important parts of the traditions of Maine Central Institute. MCI's Alumni Association has supported the special programs since their inception.

On December 16, freshman Troy Richardson wowed the audience and the judges with his dynamic and clever rendition of "*Stating Your Case for the Stupidest State*", a truly funny monologue about Florida. Troy's comedic timing was impeccable and his rather wry delivery of the piece had the audience chuckling and laughing throughout.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Jesse Peterson for his portrayal of Monty Python's "*I Want To Be a Woman*" and Tobias Knausenberger for his performance of Shakespeare's "*All the World's a Stage*".

Coordinator of the event was Mrs. Deborah Rozeboom and prize speaking advisor was Mr. Steve Peterson. Master of Ceremonies was Forrest Peterson '04, who received the Expert Rating when he was a freshman. Judges were Mrs. Elaine Brown, Ms. Andrea Kane '98 and Mrs. Carolyn Smith.

By Carolyn J. Smith

The Awesome Annual Fund Army



Kendall Bailey '04, Mike Broccio '03, and Ashley Holt '03 have together raised nearly \$7,000 for Annual Fund. Joey Bell, who wasn't present for the photograph, has raised more than \$2,000

An army of Annual Fund volunteers descended on the Alumni/Development Office this year. Key Club members, over 20 of them, spent 185 hours between September and early March, making hundreds of telephone calls to alumni and friends, asking for their support of MCI's Annual Fund.

Carefully trained in telephone solicitation techniques by Development Director Carolyn Smith, students rehearse the pronunciation of unusual names before chatting charmingly with former students, several of whom are members of the classes of the 1930's. After each conversation the Key Clubbers write postcards, often quite endearing and always most sincere, thanking each alumnus with whom they've spoken for taking the time to talk about MCI's Annual Fund.

The Key Club students have been astonishingly successful with this fall's Phonathons. Between September 19th and March 12th, the Key Club volunteers have raised more than \$24,000 in cash and pledges for the 2003 Annual Fund. Phonathons will continue through the spring. The students have set several ambitious goals. They seek to raise \$30,000 for Annual Fund 2003, to underwrite costs of further renovations to the school's monumental Founders Hall, built in the late 1860's. They also want to double the number of alumni who participate in Annual Fund; **they stress that it isn't how much you give but the fact that you give which is the most important.** Already, more than 150 donors, who didn't give to MCI's Annual Fund last year or who have never given, have demonstrated their loyalty to their school by pledging their support.

Ashley Holt, the Key Club President, Mike Broccio who is President of the Class of 2003, and Joey Bell '04 have each raised well over \$2,000 in cash received and Kendall Bailey '04 has raised more than \$1,500. Other dedicated phonathon volunteers include Andrew Badeen '05, Carrie Bomes '06, Adam Catalina '05, Bonnie Collier '03, Kim Gerry '06, Ben Hoffman '04, Mary Lambert '05, Bret Laster-Loftus '04, Josh Leong '04, Amanda Palumbo '04, Troy Richardson '06, Tyler Richardson '04, Ryan Schissler '06, Dustin Sposato '06, Therese Trask '06 and Matt Welch '04. Many of these phonathon volunteers also wrote numerous thank-you cards this past fall to all those who had contributed to Annual Fund 2001-2002.

Three students, Jennie Carpentier '05, Jenna Ring '06 and Ryan Schissler '06, also volunteered their time to write postcards last September; Ryan has since become one of the phonathon callers.

Key Club is a service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. This year forty-five students have paid their dues to Kiwanis and are thus eligible to attend Key Club International Conventions. Club advisor is James Morel, MCI math instructor, assisted by Mrs. Smith.

By Carolyn J. Smith



Matt Welch '04 is a three-year phon-a-thon veteran

STUDENT LEADERS 2002-2003

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| 2004 | Forrest Peterson | Emily Wagner | Matt Welch | Kevin Williams | Steve Peterson Jason Allen |
| 2005 | Macky Sullivan | Ashley Currier | Phil Hendricks | Andrew Webber | Josh Clement Brenda Gammon |
| 2006 | Mark Trombly | Ellen Wagner | Melissa Fletcher | Cody Hart | Carole Kauffman Susan Quinn |

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| Tanya Kingsbury | |

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 2003 - Andrew Coffin, Katelyn Gallagher, Julie Lancaster, Lizbeth Quint., Chris Talbot;
 2004 - Michael Adams, Brenda Coffin, Emily Wagner, Tara Weeman;
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Celebration of Cultural Diversity

By Sharon Savasuk, Alumni and Development Administrative Assistant



Every day, everyone at MCI appreciates the school's diversity that is so unique in central Maine. During Cultural Heritage Celebration events, that diversity is acknowledged and applauded as those born in nations around the world march solemnly and proudly down the center of Wright Gym

to the far wall. There, furled against the wall, are the brilliant hues of many international flags. This year, students, faculty and staff from Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, The Marshall Islands, Mexico, The Netherlands, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Senegal, Taiwan and Vietnam joined Native Americans and students from all of the United States at the far wall. As each group arrived, the flag of their country fluttered and unfurled. It's a beautiful event, and the flags remain, unfurled, all year as a silent and beautiful reminder of the richness of the cultural and racial mix that is MCI.

During the second day of the celebration, music, both contemporary and classic was performed for the most appreciative audience. Hosted by the charming Justin Jones, the program began with the MCI Concert Choir singing *Beyond the Rain and Rivers*, accompanying a Power Point presentation by Merri-Ella Sullivan and Louise Knox, that showed students proudly standing beneath the flags of their various countries.

Jae Myong's and Andrew Coffin's *Save Tonight and Lonely* were followed by *Let It Be*, sung by Molly Gawler, accompanied by Jesse Peterson on guitar and Molly herself on violin. She followed with a fiddle song that had the audience clapping and then stand-

ing for an ovation. Everyone was thrilled with Soo Ji Lee's piano solo of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* and the guitar duet of Bouree and Handel's *Minuet* played by Merri-Ella Sullivan and Danya Glabau. Danya also performed a clarinet solo of the *Second Movement of Concerto No. 1* by Carl Maria von Weber. At the opposite end of the musical scale were *Fell In Love With A Girl* and *Wild Thing*, with vocals performed by Matt Nichols; accompanists were Forrest Peterson on guitar and David Chale on drums.

Guitarists Kevin Williams and Jae with drummer David played *Wonderwall*. Jae and David were joined by Mark McCrillis on bass to play *All The Small Things*, a dramatic ending for the celebration and a great beginning of October break.



An appreciative and diverse student body



Planting the memorial tree

It began with Headmaster Doug Cummings recounting the great courage, the 'people looking after people', the great sacrifice made by the New York City firemen who raced up smoky stairs under 80 pounds of gear, knowing they would most likely not race back down. He told of the American tragedy as seen through the eyes of a Rumanian author who wrote about "300 million people into a hand on the heart."

After the Concert Choir sang *Let There Be a Voice*, students spoke movingly of their reactions and memories of that terrible

day and the wrenching year that followed. Molly Gawler's turn at the mike was not a speech but a song, sung movingly and a capella. Phil Heuermann quoted, appropriately, Oliver Wendall Holmes: "One hand, one heart, one flag, one nation forevermore."

At exactly 8:45 AM, the solemn tolling of the Founder's Hall bell, nine times, symbolized the month of September and the time the first airplane hit one of the towers in New York City just one year ago. The Choir sang *Let There Be Peace on Earth* and in the silence that followed, 600 students, teachers and staff filed out of Wright Gym to reassemble behind Weymouth Hall to sing *America, the Beautiful*.

In remembrance, a slender young hawthorne tree was planted near the commemorative stone engraved by Trustee Blake Bartlett. At 9:05 the Founder's bell tolled eleven times, for the date. *Taps*, played by Dean Neal, Music Department Chair, was plaintively echoed by a second trumpet across campus, played by Marc Turner '04. The ceremony ended as all lined up to each throw a small handful of soil onto the roots of the commemorative tree. It was a hauntingly moving and meaningful memorial. Many wept.



Taps



Singing valiantly through our tears

By Carolyn J. Smith

A Skillful LIFE

By Emily Davis, LIFE Skills Instructor

Part of the LIFE Skills (Learning and Integrating Future Essential Skills) unit this year is a Future Planning Unit. This three-week unit of study introduces 9th graders to some of the resources available to them at MCI that will help them plan for their futures, and engages them in considering their interests and abilities as these relate to career and lifestyle.

The first part of the unit introduces students to our Academic Counselors and staff and the resources accessible to students in the Academic Office. These usually include computer programs such as Choices, required and elective courses that would complement their career interests, as well as schedules and study materials for the ASVAB, PSAT, SAT, etc.

Teri Hagelin, Academic Counselor, helps students complete a Choices interest profile in the computer lab. They compose a file of information that includes areas of interest based on John Holland's personality types, educational opportunities for their chosen areas, and career outlook information. Students are introduced to further levels of education and what requirements various degrees entail.

In class, students consider aspects of personality, previous experiences, family values, and lifestyle considerations for their future planning through both interactive and introspective activities.

DAJA

By Josh Clement, French Instructor



The origami frogs were charming and they "hopped" too

Mrs. Nunez To The Rescue...Twice

By Tom Bertrand '90, Dean of Residential Life



Jong Pil Kim and Mrs. Nunez in ESL class

Twenty-three members of the MCI community, mostly residential students, and several staff members spent the weekend of January 25th and 26th skiing and snowboarding at Sugarloaf Mountain. Among the chaperones was Mrs. Lynn Nunez, an English As a Second Language (ESL) teacher at MCI, who brought some of the students later in the day on Saturday because they had SAT exams that morning. She waited, willingly and patiently, for them to finish their testing and drove them to the mountain to meet the rest of us. Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning she helped all of the students with whatever they needed as they came off the mountain and into the lodge.

On Sunday, one of our residential students, Jong Pil Kim, fell and broke his wrist while snowboarding. Mrs. Nunez calmed the student and helped him to the first aid station. While there, she paid for his x-rays and emergency care when the facility could

This past October 2002, Nancy McKaig, Career Coach from the Economic Education Foundation, conducted an interviewing-preparation program during two class periods. Her goal was to give each student an actual life experience by conducting an employment interview. She provided authentic verbal feedback and together with the student critiqued the videotape of the process.

Students completed the unit by creating a paper, web page, collage, or timeline that describes who they are now, what their future aspirations are, and strategies necessary for attaining related goals.



Nancy McKaig holds an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. Nancy has more than ten years experience in recruiting, interviewing, human resources, and facilitation for a variety of organizations in Washington, Boston, and Bangor. Currently, she is a volunteer with the Cole Land Transportation Museum and The Economic Education Foundation. Her program helps schools meet the Maine Learning Results requirements.

DAJA is a student club that is exploring and promoting cultural awareness. The members participate in activities within the group and in the entire student body. So far this year, they have created and distributed origami-grams, watched films that confront diversity issues and eaten lunch at a pan-Asian restaurant.

DAJA members are currently working on a multicultural cookbook that will be sold in the community as a fund-raiser. In the future they may be exploring some holiday traditions associated with other cultures, such as the Russian Orthodox Easter.



Mr. Bertrand and his family hosted Thanksgiving dinner for some of the residential students.

not accept his insurance information. The student wanted to come home to campus, so Mrs. Nunez drove him back to MCI.

Earlier in the day, one of our other chaperones had given Mrs. Nunez some of his belongings for safe-keeping while he was snowboarding. Unaware that the key to the van he had driven to Sugarloaf was among the things he'd entrusted to her, Mrs. Nunez returned to Pittsfield with the injured student. As the rest of us were getting ready to head back from the mountain later in the day, the other chaperone realized his keys and driver's license were in Pittsfield, safely in Mrs. Nunez's pocket.

I had to call Mrs. Nunez and ask her to bring the van key all the way back to Sugarloaf, so that the rest of our students could get back to campus. The road conditions were terrible, but Mrs. Nunez never hesitated nor waived in her willingness to do yet another favor for us. She made the round trip to Sugarloaf once again that day.

This little episode is indicative of what Mrs. Nunez does for our residential students at MCI, and the kindness and concern that she shows for the entire MCI community. I expressed a sincere thank-you and presented flowers at Morning Meeting to Mrs. Nunez on behalf of all of us associated with the residential life program at MCI. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful lady in our corner.

Winter Carnival Was a True "Winter Wonderland"

The skies were a brilliantly clear sapphire, the temperature was often zero or much lower, the glistening snow was deep on the ground and the Freshman Class won First Place in the snow sculpture contest! Theirs was an ice palace, truly three-dimensional, with an empty golden throne far inside the wonderfully crafted icy walls. Curled around the rear of the structure was a grotesquely grinning snow monster; maybe that's why the throne was empty.

Second Place went to the Class of 2003's gingerbread house, a cleverly constructed cottage encrusted with candy, and Third Place was awarded to the Sophomores for their charming, formally dressed penguins, about to ride to the Sno-Ball in a silvery, stretch limousine. The Juniors constructed a large roaring brick fireplace, snowman and ruby red sleigh.

Until late Thursday and Friday nights and all day Saturday, kids raced between the towering flames of the huge, warming bonfires and the icy mounds of snow awaiting transformation into sculptures. Class advisors were on hand during the long, frigid hours of snow sculpting as students struggled to craft memorable sculptures from very dry, very cold snow. In between work on their class entries, students participated in hard-fought battles outside in deep snow that included tug-of-war, bombardment and softball; volleyball and basketball contests were held in Parks Gym.

Faculty member Ed Miller, long in charge of Winter Carnival at MCI, fired the starting gun to begin the arduous tug-of-war competitions and fired up everyone on campus about the excitement of the traditional wintry events. From high atop his lofty perch, Mr. Miller fired the starting pistol each time the tuggers went to war. MCI's holiday card this past December featured Mr. Miller and Winter Carnival 2002's tug-of-war scene painted by David Silsby '49.

Reigning over the dance Saturday evening were King Tyson Quint and Queen Julie Lancaster; both are seniors. Twenty students had been selected by their classmates as candidates for the prom's

royal pair. Other seniors nominated for King and Queen were Katelyn Gallagher, Molly Gawler, Furea Kiuchi, Josh Lasselle, Josh O'Brien and Thorn Silvia. Junior candidates were Mike Adams, Kendall Bailey, Naoki Shibuya and Alexis Swan. Greg Duffey, Megan Lawn and brother and sister Everton and Akilah Wilson were the sophomore candidates and the freshmen were Missy Fletcher, Fletcher Keene, Mark Trombley and Ellen Wagner.

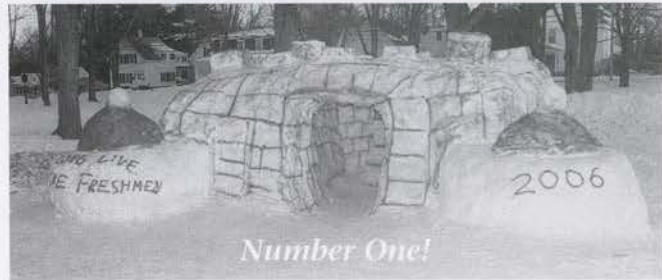
The Sno-Ball tradition has, for many years, had young crown bearers join the procession to the thrones. This year's charming ten-year-old youngsters were Jenna Tozier, cousin of senior Kirsten Stevens, and Caleb Lasselle, cousin of senior Josh Lasselle. Tradition varied just a little because last year's King and Queen, Rich MacDaid and Crystal Baker, were un-

able to attend the dance to crown their successors, so Key Club organizers chose royalty from 26 years ago, King David Quint and Queen Tamara Andrews Ingraham, who reigned over the 1977 Sno-Ball.

Parks Gym was turned into a wintry fairyland, with three gorgeous silver, pearl and icy blue balloon arches and fresh evergreen trees bedecked with glistening snowflakes and twinkling tiny lights. A lovely old sleigh, a 1905 Portland Cutter, was loaned to MCI by PDQ Farms in Clinton. It graced one corner of the gym, set in a wintry backdrop lit by hundreds of bee lights.

Many Key Club members, led by President Ashley Holt, some strong post graduate basketball players who helped moved tables and backdrops, the Club's advisors James Morel and Carolyn Smith, Director of Alumni Affairs Carlene Engstrom and parents Denise Drake Holt '81 and Suzie Furrow were the creators of the beautifully wintry wonderland. Hundreds of beautifully dressed dancers attended the winter Sno-Ball, a tradition at MCI since 1930. And many parents and townspeople came to watch it all from the balcony and remember when they twirled and swirled at Sno-Balls long ago. It's all such a lovely tradition.

By Carolyn J. Smith



The 1977 royal pair, Tammy Andrews and David Quint crowned the 2003 King and Queen.



King Tyson Quint and Queen Julie Lancaster

Students of the Month

The commendations for Student of the Month read at Morning Meetings and reflect the students' current activities up to and including the month for which they are selected. There are no December Students of the Month.

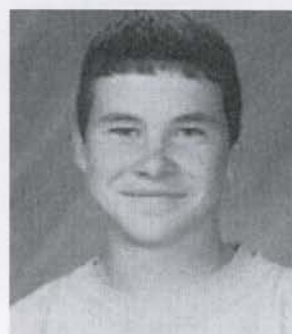
SEPTEMBER



Freshman **Mark Trombley** was chosen as Student of the Month for the Class of 2006 because "he is very involved during classes and is a good partner to have in pair or group work. He has high academic standards and works very hard." Described by classmates as friendly, Mark played on the varsity soccer team this fall.



Sophomore Student of the Month **Ann Durham** was selected because she is a hard-working student who earns honor roll grades. Well-liked and respected on campus as a kind and friendly person, Ann is very involved with the Bossov Ballet program. She starred in last summer's ballet, *Don Quixote*.



Junior **Mike Adams** "is an active class participant who earns good grades." Described by students as friendly, responsible and respectful, "this student keeps a positive attitude while being involved in many activities such as golf, basketball, baseball, Student Council for the third year and with his Class of 2004." He was elected Treasurer of Student Council this year.



Senior **Amy Brown** is known everywhere she goes for her bright smile. An active school citizen, she is on the drama team and National Honor Society, she participates in residential activities and dances with the Bossov Ballet. Amy will perform the lead role of Marie in December's production of *The Nutcracker*. "She is a good leader through example, participation and attitude," said those who recommended her for this honor.

OCTOBER



Freshman **Hyung-Dung Lee**, whose nickname is Don, was selected for Student of the Month for the Class of 2006 because he is an outstanding student whose work is always of high quality. "A great role model, he is respected by all who work with him." He is a member of the school's competitive math team.



Sophomore **Ashley Poindexter**, well-liked by classmates and teachers, is a member of the soccer team and Jazz Band. She was chosen Student of the Month because, as a student, Ashley exhibits high standards in her work.



Junior **Emily Wagner** is "friendly, funny and outgoing" and a dedicated athlete who plays field hockey and tennis. She is a hard worker and is very involved in a variety of activities: music, drama, Key Club and National Honor Society. Vice President of the Class of 2004, Emily is on Student Council for the second year.



Senior **Justin Schmearsal** is "very positive and a great person." A very hard worker, he excels in his classes. This is his first year at MCI and already he is well-regarded by classmates and teachers.

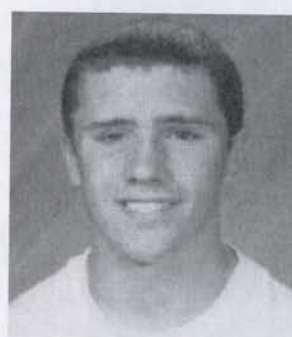
NOVEMBER



Freshman **Spencer Fitts** was selected as Student of Month because he is a serious and productive student who contributes a lot to classes, works well with classmates and earned Honor Roll Status. A member of the Instrumental Jazz Ensemble and the Concert Choir, Spencer was on this fall's golf team.



Sophomore **Alex Downs** was commended by his classmates and his teachers for being an active class participant and for receiving academic awards in ninth grade. An all-around, nice person, Alex is on Honor Roll, is a member of the ski team, is a dedicated instrumentalist in the Jazz Ensemble and the Concert Band and also is a member of the ensemble drama team.



Junior **Kevin Williams** was chosen Student of the Month because he is outgoing, has a great sense of humor, is kind and supportive and very well-liked by his peers. All those who know him appreciate his hard work in all his endeavors, in and out of class. Extremely active in Junior Class activities, Kevin is an Honor Roll student and member of the National Honor Society. He participated in Diversity Day and played fall intramurals. A valuable member of each year's football team, he is treasurer of his class.



Senior **Merri-Ella Sullivan** has the reputation of being enthusiastic, friendly and a hard worker who asks insightful questions and loves to be challenged. She also has a great sense of humor that she shares with others. Merri-Ella is an Honor Roll student and a member of the competitive Math Team and National Honor Society. An active member of the Daja Club, she also tutors in the math clinic and is a member of MCI's Concert Choir.

¡Qué Viaje!

(What a Trip!)

By **Tanya Kingsbury**, Chair of Foreign Language Department

On February 19 at 10:00 am, twelve very excited people headed off to catch their flight to Madrid, Spain. With me were Beryl Bryce and Teresa Kingsbury, who are both Spanish IV students here at MCI, Megan Ferland, who is in Spanish II this year, and Emily Wagner, Amanda Pearman, Matt Welch, Nicole Monk and Alex Cunningham, who all study at the Spanish III level. Also traveling with us were senior Chris Brown from Boothbay and Alex's parents, Karen and Bill Cunningham.

Highlights of the seven days in Spain included our visits to the Royal Palace and The National Museum, el Prado, in Madrid, the 2000-year-old city of Toledo and the beautiful 13th century Moorish palace, AlHambra, in Granada. Other really special sites visited were the Mezquita, an Islamic mosque, considered so magnificent by the Christians that they preserved it rather than destroy it, as was the usual practice, and the third largest cathedral in the world, located in Sevilla, which is inspirational as well as big! In addition, the group attended a flamenco show where Teresa and Chris participated from the audience! Students enjoyed, and were quite successful, trying out their Spanish and in general just had fun!



The Spanish adventurers, left to right, back: Teacher Tanya Kingsbury, Beryl Bryce, Amanda Pearman, Megan Ferland, Emily Wagner, Alex Cunningham, Matt Welch; middle: Teresa Kingsbury and Nicole Monk; front Chris Brown.

Some Terrific Trips

Another Exciting Trip

Five Student Council members, Lizbeth Quint, Mike Adams, Tara Weeman, Casey Nash and Matt Welch, and Key Club President Ashley Holt, attended the leadership conference sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with me (I'm the advisor to Student Council). Students visited the National Park at Valley Forge during the day Friday, March 7, and then attended workshops and participated in leadership activities Friday evening through the weekend. Generous people participated in Council fundraisers and enabled us to provide valuable opportunities like this to our Council members.

Fall Athletic



FALL CHEERING 2002

Coach: Crystal King

Awards: Spirit Awards given to *Katelyn Gallagher & Michelle Cote*

About the team... The fall cheering squad had 13 participants, up three from a year ago. The squad worked extremely hard to boost the football team, even in bad weather, and also did a great job during homecoming with the pep rally, parade & posters.



GOLF 2002

Coach: Mike Dugas

Record: 7 wins, 3 losses

Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Bradley Martin*; Most Improved Player—*Justin Adam*;

Coaches Award—*Ryan Kennedy*; KVAC All Academic Team—*Bradley Martin*

About the team... Although this year was only the second time in 10 years the Huskies haven't played for a state championship, it was a great year for improvement... many young golfers were on the roster (10 freshmen) so the future looks bright.



FIELD HOCKEY 2002

Coaches: Varsity Coach - *Julie Treadwell*, JV Coach - *Cheryl Breslin*

Record: 6 wins, 9 losses, 1 tie

Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Julie Lancaster*; Most Improved Player—*Sierra Hendricks*; Coaches Award—*Lizbeth Quint*; Heart Award—*Emily Wagner*; KVAC 2nd Team All-Stars & All Academic Team—*Autumn Hendricks & Julie Lancaster*; KVAC All Rookie Team—*Sarah Frost*

About the team... MCI's field hockey team was the only fall MCI representative in the MPA playoffs, going in 10th and beating #7 Waterville 2-0, avenging a loss during the regular season. Losing another fairly large group of seniors this season, a younger less experienced team will be on the field in 2003.



FOOTBALL 2002

Coaches: Head Coach *Tom Bertrand*, Assistant Coaches, *Peter Snow*, *Ed Miller & Bob Bussell*

Volunteer Assistants: *Ben Hall and Fred Sprague*

Record: 2 wins and 7 losses

Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Tyson Quint*; Most Improved Player—*Christopher Baker*; Coaches Award—*Mike Broccio*; LTC Class C All-Stars 2nd Team Offense—*Tyson Quint & Mike Broccio*

LTC Class C All-Stars 2nd Team Defense—*Mike Broccio, Ryan Bennett & Christopher Baker*; LTC All-Academics—*Jarod Richmond & Kevin Williams*; LTC Honorable Mention Offense—*Stuart Allen, Ryan Bennett, Kevin Williams, Kevin McPhail*; LTC Honorable Mention Defense—*Josh Lasselle, Kevin McPhail, Stuart Allen, Marty Quint, Jake Lasselle & Tyson Quint*

About the Team... A great start to rebuilding a successful football program. The values of team, work ethic and never giving up were instilled in a season of change with a new coaching staff. *Peter Snow*, who has coached within the greater Pittsfield area for over 25 years, will hang-up his whistle....we wish him the best.



BOYS SOCCER 2002

Coaches: Varsity Coach *Scott Varney*, JV Coach *Mike Fulling*

Record: 5 wins, 8 losses, 1 tie

Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Shawn Basford*; Most Improved Player—*Jeremy West*;

Coaches Award—*Christopher Furrow*; KVAC 2nd Team All Conference—*Brandon Ring*

About the team.... An exciting season for the boy's soccer, a fairly young team that came up short a number of times by only 1 or 2 goals...and was only one win away from making the playoffs. An increase in the number of players from a year ago, as well as a good group of freshmen, has Coach Varney already looking forward to 2003.



GIRLS SOCCER 2002

Coaches: Varsity Coach *Felipe Arias*, JV Coach *Kim Shorey*

Record: 2 wins, 12 losses

Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Karlyn Moyer*; Most Improved Player—*Kristen Hume*;

Coaches Award—*Lindsay DiPasquale*; KVAC All Academic Team—*Beryl Bryce, Lindsay DiPasquale, Jessi Littlefield, Sarah Margolskee, Karlyn Moyer*

About the team.... An extremely small group of girls participated in soccer this past season and with seven girls graduating, a large incoming freshman class is a must for this ever-improving squad. Another team that lost some extremely close games but whose work ethic definitely had a "no quit" attitude.

Note: Team photographs of Football and Girls Soccer were not available.

Highlights

by Julie Treadwell, Athletic Director

Post Graduate Basketball Program's New Coach: Ed Jones



In October, Ed Jones, graduate of the University of Maine in 1994 and an assistant basketball coach there for the past seven years, was named MCI's head coach for the highly regarded post graduate basketball program. Jones will also coordinate the wellness program for 90 residential students and teach Life Skills, in addition to his work with the school's admissions office.

One of four finalists out of the more than 40 applicants, Jones received raves from Head of School Doug Cummings. "Jones is a superb choice for MCI. He's been in Maine for 12 years and he understands what a big adjustment our kids make when they come to rural Maine from large cities. There's a lot he can do to help our kids. He also understands what it takes to be a Division I scholar-athlete."

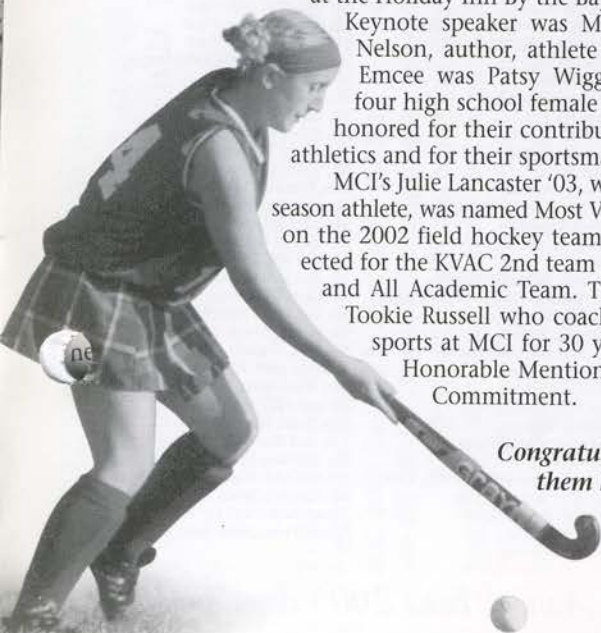
Julie Lancaster '03 and Retired Coach Tookie Russell Honored at State Awards Reception

The State Awards Reception for the 2003 National Girls and Women in Sports Day was held Saturday, February 1, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland.

Keynote speaker was Mariah Burton Nelson, author, athlete and speaker; Emcee was Patsy Wiggins. Twenty-four high school female athletes were honored for their contributions to girls athletics and for their sportsmanship.

MCI's Julie Lancaster '03, who is a three-season athlete, was named Most Valuable Player on the 2002 field hockey team and was selected for the KVAC 2nd team All-Star Team and All Academic Team. The legendary Tookie Russell who coached women's sports at MCI for 30 years received Honorable Mention for Lifetime Commitment.

Congratulations to them both!



Athletic Director Julie Treadwell commented, "Jones has six years of Division I experience, his degree is in health education and he did a great deal of recruiting for U Maine. It's a terrific fit."

A native of the Chicago area, Jones holds the second highest blocked-shot record at U Maine. A letterman all four years of college, Jones played in 109 games and averaged 10.7 points, 1.9 blocks and nearly 5 rebounds per game his senior year.

The PG program at MCI, regarded as one of the top post-graduate basketball programs in the country, has produced approximately 100 NCAA Division I level players and several NBA players including Sam Cassell (Milwaukee Bucks), DeMarr Johnson (Atlanta Hawks), Caron Butler (Miami Heat), Cuttino Mobley (Houston Rockets) and Mamadou N'diaye (Toronto Raptors).

Jones was quoted in the Bangor Daily News as saying, "you don't go into this profession expecting to coach NBA players. You're in this profession to help get kids to the next level and that's what I want to do. My urban background will be a plus."



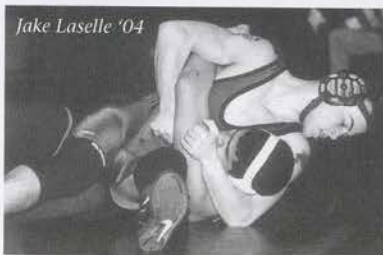
Our Great Grappler

Jake Lasselle '04 is a gifted athlete who has taken advantage of his strength and athleticism to become a top wrestler in the state of Maine. He has always been a "contender" in past years but this year everything has come together for him, academically and athletically, and Jake is taking full advantage of his good fortune and great skills! Jake was named as a Student of the Month this winter.

He was undefeated in the 145-pound weight class during the regular season, even wrestling against two Class A schools. In December he was named champion of the PVHS Christmas Tournament, in January he won the KVAC Tournament and on February 1 he achieved the Regional Tournament championship. At the State Championship meet, Jake was the runner-up in Class B, losing his match in agonizing double overtime. His record is 26 wins and one loss; Jake wrestled his way to 17 pins and a fantastic total of 167 points for his team.

His coaches are most proud of the way Jake has handled himself as a gentleman on the mat, always showing respect for all his opponents...which is the sign of a true champion!

Carolyn J. Smith



Philanthropy is the expression of all that is most noble in the human character.

Won't you join your classmates and friends and make a gift to MCI's Annual Fund?

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Item 1: **Watercolor Painting by David Silsby '49**

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Reservations must be postmarked by Monday, July 21, 2003. Please return your reply, along with your payment to: MCI, Alumni/ae and Development Office, 125 South Main Street, Pittsfield, Maine 04967. Please be sure to fill in all areas of the registration form.

Name _____

Class Year _____

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Reunion 2003 Fees

Friday, August 1

Hall of Fame Banquet reservation:

☐ (\$15 per person)\$ _____

Saturday, August 2

Reunion Luncheon reservation:

☐ (\$15 per person)\$ _____

Total Registration\$ _____

☐ I would like to make a tax-deductible gift, as a member of the class of _____, to MCI's Annual Fund.

Total amount enclosed:\$ _____

(Please make check payable to *Maine Central Institute*)

Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

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Off Campus Accommodations:

There are several hotels and motels in the surrounding areas. Reservations at any of these establishments are entirely up to the alumnus making the reservation. Please call the Alumni/ae and Development Office for a listing of local accommodations

"COME AS YOU WERE" CONTEST

A special gift awarded to the "best dressed" alum from a reunion class who dares to come dressed as you were when you were a senior at MCI.

Questions? Contact the Alumni/ae and Development Office between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 207-487-5915. Our fax number is 207-487-3512. Our e-mail is alumni@mci-school.org

Reunion 2003

Friday August 1st through Sunday, August 3rd

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

6:30 p.m. **Hall of Fame Banquet Honoring Inductees:**
 Ralph Damren '64
 Tony Frederick '59
 Rosalie Williams
 Location to be determined by number of reservations received. Banquet tickets \$15 per person in advance.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 *continued*

11:00 a.m. **Business and Class Agent Meeting** – Powell Memorial Library, The Ella Powell Room; open to all class agents and interested alumni/ae

12:00 Noon **Reunion Luncheon in "Celebration Tent"**. Tickets \$15 per person in advance – come dressed as you are...or were!

2:00 p.m. **Afternoon Class Reunion Parties** for years ending in "3" and "8". Locations to be announced; contact your class agent

6:00 p.m. (approx.) **Indoor and Outdoor Evening Entertainment** at the Johnson W. Parks Golf Course. A \$5 Cover Charge collected at the door.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet** from the menu at J.W. Parks Golf Course

10:00 a.m. **Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble**
 J. W. Parks Golf Course. Course fees and cart rentals to be paid to the J.W. Parks Golf Course. See reservation form below. (Please mail early, space limited)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Registration, Continental Breakfast and Historical Display** – Parks Gymnasium

Antique Car Show
 All alumni/ae are invited to bring their antique or classic cars for display

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THESE REUNION CLASSES:

| 1928 | 1933 | 1938 | 1943 | 1948 | 1953 | 1958 | 1963 |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
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|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 35 th | 30 th | 25 th | 20 th | 15 th | 10 th | 5 th |

(please clip and return in an envelope with your check to J.W. Parks Golf Course)

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 Alumni/ae & Friends Golf Scramble
 94 Hartland Avenue
 Pittsfield, ME 04967

For further information, contact Mike Dugas at 207-487-5545

HIGHLIGHTS Spring 2003



Some of the many seniors at this year's Winter Carnival.

Save the Dates

Annual Auction

May 10, 2003

Alumni/ae Reunion

August 1~3, 2003

**Alumni Open
Golf Tournament**

August 16, 2003

**Homecoming
Parents Weekend**

September 18~21, 2003



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